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On 3/8/82, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source identified a photograph of [redacted] as a [redacted] [redacted] has been a visitor at [redacted] [redacted] is also close to CARLO, manager of Rusty's Restaurant.

Source believes that [redacted] and CARLO are involved in a large narcotics operation.

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# Gambino Linked to Garment District

By Marianne Arneberg

New York—The Gambino organized-crime family has "ensured labor domination and supplemented its control of sweatshops" in the city by its reputed representation of about 700 unionized operators of garment manufacturing firms in contract negotiations with a local of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, according to a study released yesterday by State Sen. Franz Leichter (D-Manhattan).

The study, the latest in a series of three that Leichter has prepared on organized crime and its ties to the garment industry, said that "by all accounts, the person in charge" of the Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association—which negotiates the contracts with Local 23-25 every three years—is Joseph Nicholas Gallo, listed by law-enforcement agents as the "consigliere" and third in command of the Gambino organized crime family. (Murray Kempton column on the Leichter report, Page 69.)

Citing several federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies as sources for a chart linking reputed organized-crime figures to literally every aspect of the garment industry, Leichter said that the Gambino Bu-

galino, Luchese, Genovese and Colombo organized-crime families "figure prominently in the garment district" but that the Gambino and Luchese families wield the strongest power.

The news of organized crime's lucrative links to the garment industry is not new. But those links have grown steadily over the years, Leichter contended, and he said the consumer pays dearly for the inflated costs that are charged by organized crime to produce and transport the garments. At one point, holding up a polka-dot polyester dress that he estimated should have sold for between \$12 and \$15—with the sweatshop worker who made it receiving \$1.50—Leichter said that his staff purchased the dress for \$25 at Sears Roebuck.

He said that garments, on the average, can be transported for between 10 cents and 12 cents between Chinatown and Midtown Manhattan, but that organized-crime truckers, who hold a virtual monopoly on the transport trade, charge between 25 cents and 27 cents per garment.

Today, Leichter's report said, Thomas F. Gambino, the son of the late don Carlo Gambino and son-in-law of the late Thomas Luchese, has become "the major power

in the garment district . . . and is building a virtual dynasty on Seventh Avenue."

Gambino has vehemently denied any involvement with organized crime and has no criminal record, the report said. "However, he has numerous business relationships and contacts with persons who are organized-crime figures," the report continued. "Besides having actual or de facto ownership of numerous jobbers [manufacturers], he also owns and controls a large number of trucking firms . . ."

According to the report, Thomas Gambino and his brother, Joseph, own Consolidated Carriers Corp., whose subsidiaries include several other trucking firms. "Consolidated is the largest hauler of garments within New York City and, according to one trucking industry source, in the United States," the report says. "Consolidated is [also] directly in control of many sweatshops."

Sol C. Chaikin, president of the ILGWU, was involved in preliminary contract negotiations all day and night yesterday, according to one of his aides, and was unavailable for comment on Leichter's report.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); OO: BQ.

RE BQ TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 3/23/82.

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BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR BROOKLYN/QUEENS TO EXPEND

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 ASSOCIATES AND ASSISTED IN PROVIDING NEW OC INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION  
 PERTINENT TO SEVERAL BQ-5 PRIORITY I OC INVESTIGATIONS.

BROOKLYN-QUEENS IS CONTINUING USE OF VAN-TYPE SURVEILLANCE  
 VEHICLE TO PROVIDE OPTIMUM COVERAGE. [REDACTED]

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REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED] TO CASE FUND  
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On 3/18/82 and 3/19/82, [redacted] provided the following information to SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

Source advised that TOMMY RIZZO (deceased) used to be a top "hit" man for JOE N. GALLO.

[redacted] Rizzo's Italian Village Restaurant, 21st Street, Astoria, New York. GALLO used to hold meetings at Rizzo's restaurant re GAMBINO family business. [redacted] although closely associated with GALLO and other GAMBINO LCN members, are not themselves made members. Source believes that [redacted] are very wealthy from real estate holdings in Puerto Rico and their restaurant business.

Source stated that TOMMY RIZZO did many "hits" for JOE N. GALLO and was a very well respected LCN member. RIZZO died in Mexico, where he went to do a job for GALLO.

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On 3/18/82 and 3/19/82, [redacted] provided the following information to SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

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Source advised that TOMMY AGRO, GAMBINO soldier, is very close to JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere. When AGRO talks about his "compare", he is referring to JOE N. GALLO and vice versa.

Source described AGRO as a very vicious and unpredictable individual who has a tremendous ego. AGRO will go to great lengths to establish control over individuals who deal with him. He is always ready to use force to intimidate his victims and associates.

Source stated that AGRO has a very quick temper and is paranoid to the extent that he will easily have someone killed should he learn that they have double crossed him or done something with which he disagrees. AGRO always keeps "muscle" close by.

Source advised that AGRO is very big in loansharking, gambling and extortion. Source stated that any business with which AGRO is associated is either totally or partly controlled by AGRO through extortion or loansharking.

AGRO has risen in the GAMBINO ranks to the point where he is probably the strongest soldier. He is very active and has established a broad and powerful base of associates. Source feels sure that AGRO will be the next GAMBINO Capo.

AGRO currently hangs out at Lanza's Restaurant, 1st Avenue, Manhattan, New York. His Capo is JOE ARMONE ("JOE PINEY"), who is also very strong with the GAMBINO hierarchy. ARMONE was "laying low" until his parole expired but recently has re-established his power base and is stronger than ever.

One of AGRO's favorite Manhattan clubs is Regenes on Park Avenue. AGRO spends a great deal of his time there and source is sure that AGRO owns a "piece" of the club.

AGRO enjoys the flamboyant "good life", which money and power can afford LCN members.

AGRO is of the "old school" as far as LCN membership is concerned. He pays strict attention to "pecking order" and paying respect, however, his strong position in the family allows him easy direct access to GALLO and GAMBINO Bosses.

Source concluded by stating that anyone who is connected with AGRO and in his good graces, is going to be very "strong" re LCN connections and dealings. By the same token, anyone who falls under AGRO's ill temper will probably get hurt.

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On 3/18/82 and 3/19/82, [redacted] provided the following information to SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

Source advised that during the years 1968 through 1973, the GAMBINO LCN family in NYC had very strong connections at the Queens DA's Office. The connections were primarily handled through JOE N. GALLO, GAMBINO Consigliere.

Source explained that during the above time period, many of the Queens DAs and Judges were openly fraternizing with known LCN members and associates. As a result, a mutually beneficial agreement was reached whereby LCN members, in trouble, could buy themselves easy sentences or freedom for either cash or return favors. Source stated that the NYC and State political system used the "mob" for many favors.

Source stated that during above time period, many favors at the DA's Office were paid off by giving both the DAs and Judges the winning horses on fixed races at the New York racetracks. This was done on an almost weekly basis.

Source advised that on big favors, where large cash payments had to be made re severe charges, the GAMBINOS used Judge BILL BRENNAN. Source believes that BRENNAN is currently a New York State Supreme Court Judge. BRENNAN's

[redacted] at the time was [redacted] who [redacted] agency on Broadway Avenue in Astoria, Queens. [redacted] go between in the GAMBINO Family was VITO (LNU). VITO recently died of cancer. VITO was very close to DA NICKY FERRARA (ph).

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Source advised that any LCN member with a big problem at the Queens DA's Office could be placed in contact with [redacted] to determine the price re any favor. [redacted] would consult with BRENNAN and pass on the price through VITO. If the right amount was agreed on, by both sides, BRENNAN would undertake to have the case brought before him and "fix" it himself, or direct the defendants course of action so as to get a dismissal of charges before another judge. To make up for these blatant dismissals and prevent suspicion, the DA's Office and BRENNAN would hand out severe sentences in other cases so as to maintain a good statistical record re accomplishments.

Source is of opinion that BRENNAN's relationship with the "mob" continues to the present day.

Source has personal knowledge re the illegal involvement of DAs FERRARA (ph), [redacted] (ph), (FNU) [redacted] (ph), and [redacted] with LCN members. Source also had a personal encounter with Judge BILL BRENNAN where an easy settlement was reached.

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Source concluded by stating that the illegal relationship between the "mob" and the Queens DA's Office has to continue to the present day, as many of the same people (DAs) are still with the office; some are now judges. Source felt sure that from 1968-1973 most if not all of the judges and DAs at the Queens office were "bad". Source stated that any new judge or DA who tried to fight the system was soon forced out or at least neutralized by actions of the other DAs and judges.

JOE N. GALLO (BQ5)  
183-2025

On July 30, 1981, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted] Last Name Unknown-LNU), and [redacted] (LNU) recently returned from Houston, Texas. Source stated that the above perpetrated a credit card scam while in Houston. Source stated the three individuals could be contacted at telephone [redacted] when in Texas. Source advised that [redacted] was using a stolen American Express credit card in the name of [redacted]. Source advised that [redacted] is a close associate of [redacted] and JOE N. GALLO.

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Source advised that [redacted] is in possession of [redacted]

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On February 3, 1982, a confidential source viewed the attached photograph taken in the vicinity of Broadway and Crescent Streets, Long Island City, Queens, New York.

Source advised that the individual wearing light colored pants and carrying a newspaper is identical to [redacted] Source advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] who works for JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere, GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family, in his bookmaking operation.

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by SA [redacted] irh Date dictated 2/5/82

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On March 31, 1982, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] as follows:

[redacted] advised that he recently met with [redacted] who is connected with gambling operations run by JOE N. GALLO. [redacted] said that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE:

4.16.82

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (183A-657)

FROM : BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA [REDACTED] (P) (BQ-5)

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Enclosed for Charlotte is one copy photo of JOSEPH N.  
GALLO.

For information Charlotte, JOSEPH N. GALLO, white male, DOB 1/8/12, Consigliere, GAMBINO LCN family, and close associate of TOMMY AGRO, allegedly travels to area of Duke University, North Carolina, each year to receive physical check-ups from Duke University specialist. Travel usually takes place in spring and late fall/winter of the year. GALLO was allegedly at Duke University after Thanksgiving of 1981.

Intelligence information at NYO indicates that GALLO may use yearly trips to Duke University as partial cover for meetings with LCN figures from other parts of the United States. Note is made that PAUL CASTELLANO, GAMBINO Boss, is considered to be the strongest LCN figure in the United States at the present time. GALLO, in any LCN dealings with other families, would be acting as CASTELLANO's emissary.

GALLO returned to NYC from North Carolina in late January or early February, 1982.

Telephone call by AGRO to 919-489-9111 was made on 5/12/81.

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AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA. Contact Duke Motor Lodge Inc. to obtain list of all guests for 5/12/81.

2. Review guest records for months of November and December 1981 and January 1982 to determine if JOSEPH N. GALLO was a registered guest at the motel; if so:

- (a) Obtain copies regarding registration cards and determine length of stay; method of payment; record of any telephone calls made by GALLO; number of people in GALLO's party, and any other identifying data available.
- (b) Determine if GALLO is a regular guest at Duke Motel and if reservations are held for future trips.
- (c) Attempt to identify anyone at Duke Motor Lodge who might be knowledgeable regarding GALLO and his activities/associates while there.

Interviews to establish above information should be handled with due discretion and appropriate pretext. If future NYO intelligence establishes purpose of GALLO's trips to area of Duke University as LCN business related, surveillance and source coverage will be requested.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); OO: BROOKLYN/QUEENS

RE BROOKLYN/QUEENS TELETYPE APRIL 23, 1982.

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE,

FBIHQ AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL

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JOSEPH N. Gallo  
ET AL (u/c) (A)  
CO: BOMBA  
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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: YES ☒ NO ☐

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TO SUPERVISOR

COMMENTS:

~~Frankie DeStefano~~  
Wife of Frankie DeStefano's father

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JOSEPH N. Gallo  
ET AL (LICO)  
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183A-2025

SURVEILLANCE  
AGENTS ON  
DUTY:

SA  
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[Redacted Box]

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN:

YES ☒

NO ☐

LICENSE PLATES OBSERVED

See Attached

TO SUPERVISOR

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COMMENTS:

Funeral (wake) of Frankie DeStefano  
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10:00a		ANGELO RUGGIERO

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		FRANCIE DeStefano & family exit Funeral Home
		and depart area -
10:30 PM	✓	SA [redacted]
		SA SPURIA 4/12/82

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4.19.82

CASE  
CAPTION:

JOSEPA N. Gallo;

ET AL (RICOYA)

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AGENTS ON  
DUTY:

SA

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN:

YES ☒

NO ☐

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661 GTY (NY)

TO SUPERVISOR

COMMENTS:

661 GTY (NY) Joseph N. Gallo.

Gallo observed to look quite tired + exhausted.  
walked very slow

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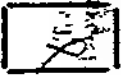
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THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED:

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
10:30am	W	Surveillance instituted; Vehicles @ NY license plates 661 GTY & [redacted] in area: (661 GTY on Crescent Street)
11:40am	to W	Joseph N. Gallo observed to cross Broadway Ave from the North of Crescent Street and walk east on Broadway to and OTB Diner. - Enters
11:45am		
2:05pm	W	Gallo exits OTB diner and crosses Broadway Ave to North Side. walks around corner at Crescent Street in direction of his residence.
12:18pm	W	[redacted] arrives in area, driving 81 olds NY license [redacted]
12:22pm	W	[redacted] enters Lenchenele.
12:25pm	W	[redacted] exits Lenchenele and departs area
2:50pm	W	Joseph N. Gallo observed to cross Broadway Ave from direction of his residence; Gallo enters Lenchenele.

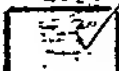
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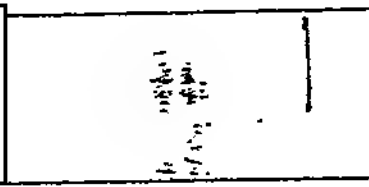
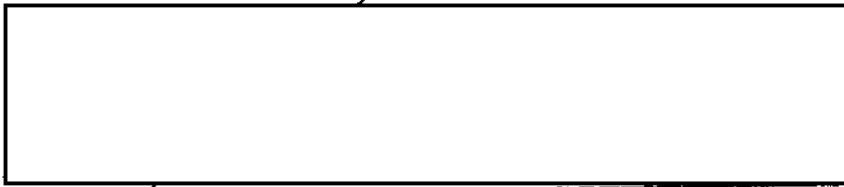
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1:21pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[redacted] enters Lenchenette.
1:23pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[redacted] and Gallo exit Lenchenette and walk together along Crescent Street (one block South of Broadway Ave); back and forth
1:32pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[redacted] and Gallo enter Gallo's car, 1978 Black Caddy @ NY license 661 GTY. - depart
1:36pm		Ana - drive around block + park vehicle on Crescent Street in front of Gallo's residence.
2:05pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[redacted] and Gallo exit vehicle and walk South on Crescent Street to [redacted] car.
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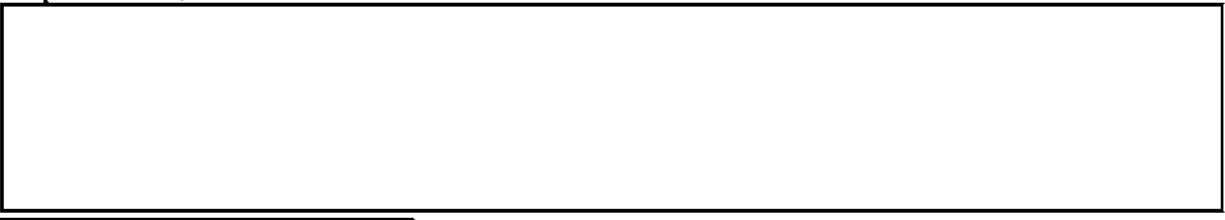


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[redacted] Greater Blouse, Skirt, and Undergarment Association, 225 West 34th Street, Suite 1307, New York, New York, was contacted at his place of employment. [redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview; he provided the following information:

[redacted] provided Special Agent (SA) [redacted] with a current membership list of shops belonging to the Association. He added that the list was not all inclusive because he did not include those shops which are located in Chinatown. [redacted] was sure that JOSEPH N. GALLO had had no Association business in Chinatown.

[redacted] stated that he had not had any contact with JOSEPH N. GALLO since he last talked to SA [redacted] in January of 1982. [redacted] had no idea as to the current state of GALLO's health. He added that he did not believe that GALLO was going to return to work at the Association as a Labor Relations Representative.

[redacted] upon questioning, stated that to his knowledge, GALLO had no plans to retire from the Association. GALLO was still on sick leave, and [redacted] stated that GALLO would have to be a "schmuck" to retire. He added "he should stay on sick leave, forever, that's exactly what I would do."

GALLO is continuing to draw his regular salary at the Association while he is on sick leave. There is no limit to GALLO'S sick leave.

[redacted] advised that he had not visited GALLO in the hospital nor had he called him on the telephone to inquire as to GALLO'S well-being. [redacted] knew of no one in the Association office who had visited GALLO during his illness.

[redacted] advised that he had not been able to identify any specific Association member shop which had been serviced by GALLO in the past. He stated that the Association policy remains not to

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By SAs [redacted] and [redacted] /AK/dd

Date Dictated 4/8/82

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keep any records regarding the work performed by the Labor Relations Representatives. He added that the "office girls" would know which Labor Relations Representative handled which shop. He could not be more specific regarding any particular "office girl."

[redacted] was made familiar with recent accusations of New York State Senator FRANZ S. LEICHTER regarding the Association's alleged involvement with organized crime. Specifically, that JOSEPH N. GALLO actually ran the Association.

[redacted] adamantly denied any involvement with organized crime elements, and stated that he had no prior knowledge that JOSEPH N. GALLO might be associated with organized crime. He advised that the Association had no organized crime influence in any of its business dealings or relationships.

[redacted] advised that the Association's current Labor Relations Representatives are [redacted]

He stated that the Association's Executive Director, JAMES CLEMENZA was still sick. CLEMENZA would be the one who would be able to list the qualifications necessary to become a Labor Relations Representative for the Association.

[redacted] could not say when CLEMENZA might be available for interview.

[redacted] at this time, was shown a copy of an FD 302 regarding his January 9, 1982, meeting with SA [redacted] reviewed this document and added that it was basically an accurate account of the interview. He made a notation on page two, inserting the word salary for "amount of money", and said that he did not like the fourth paragraph on page three. This because it drew attention to the subject matter of violence. The paragraphs statement was correct.

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On May 5, 1982, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] also known as (aka) [redacted] is a close associate of JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere, GAMBINO, La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family. Source stated that [redacted] has numerous blackjack/card games located in New York City. Source advised that [redacted] is [redacted] with [redacted] in a game located on West 45th Street at 8th Avenue, New York City.

Source stated that [redacted] is associated with an individual known as [redacted] in the New Haven area. Source advised that [redacted] the Stratford Restaurant in Stamford, Connecticut.

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On May 5, 1982 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO recently received a pacemaker and appears to be in excellent health. Source stated that GALLO continues to have meetings at Crescent and Broadway, Long Island City, Queens, New York.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On May 18, 1982, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] met with JOSEPH N. GALLO in Astoria, New York, in the area of Crescent Street and Broadway Avenue. SA [redacted] conversed with GALLO for approximately one hour (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM). The context of the conversation is set out as follows:

GALLO advised that he continues to be a very ill man, suffering from numerous ailments including a bad heart. GALLO recently returned from a trip to North Carolina, Duke University, where he underwent a series of tests regarding his physical condition. He stated that he has a heart condition wherein his heart may skip a beat. If it skips two beats GALLO passes out. GALLO is taking medication for this ailment.

GALLO advised that because of this condition, he gets tired very easily and is now spending up to sixteen hours every day in bed resting and sleeping. GALLO also advised that his doctor has recommended that he exercise every day by walking. GALLO does this by walking around the neighborhood, weather permitting. He comes down to the corner of Crescent Street and Broadway Avenue to meet with friends and play the OTB. He seldom leaves the neighborhood.

GALLO advised that due to his health, he will not be returning to his employment at the Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association. GALLO plans to retire in the near future. He added that the association does not have any kind of pension or retirement plan however, during the time of his illness, GALLO has received full pay from the association.

GALLO was aware of the fact that numerous accusations have recently surfaced linking him and the association to Organized Crime. GALLO dismissed these accusations as ridiculous. He added that during the past 30 to 40 years he has been called to testify before numerous Grand Jurys however, he has never been charged with any specific crimes. He mentioned a recent Newsday newspaper article in which a New York State Senator was noted as conducting investigations in the New York garment industry. GALLO stated that the article gave his name as the person in control of the Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association, and alluded that the association was directly controlled by Organized Crime. GALLO again, reiterated that all these accusations were ridiculous and false. He stated that if they are true, "prove them and I'll gladly go to jail".

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GALLO stated that as far as his association with numerous individuals who are thought to be Organized Crime members, he has known most of these people all his life. He stated that his early years in New York were spent in neighborhoods where people developed close relationships in neighborhood "clubs", no one could afford the country. People were not interested in status or backgrounds, only friendships.

GALLO gave as an example, the fact that PAUL CASTELLANO, NEIL DELLACROCE, and himself, have met numerous times over the years because they are good friends from way back. He noted that every time they meet, law enforcement agencies are quick to conclude that they are planning some murder or "making a bomb". GALLO advised that the things which he, CASTELLANO and DELLACROCE talk about during their meetings are the type of things any three good friends would discuss. He added that any thought as to illegal activities on their part is ridiculous and false.

GALLO added that PAUL CASTELLANO is currently suffering from a diabetic condition. He stated that the three of them have not met for quite some time.

GALLO noted that although he seldom leaves the neighborhood, he still, on occasion, goes "downtown" to meet some of his old friends and have a cup of coffee. He recently made such a trip with [redacted] who gave him a ride. GALLO stated that [redacted] happened to be going to "town" and called GALLO to offer a ride, GALLO accepted.

GALLO, on questioning, advised that [redacted] father recently died after a long bout with cancer. He stated that the family had suffered very much because they knew the father was dying and could do nothing to prevent it. GALLO advised that the father, too was better off dead, he had been in much pain. GALLO has known [redacted] since he was a small child. They are very good friends.

GALLO stated that he had no plans in his retirement. He will remain in the New York City area.

GALLO advised that he can be contacted by SA [redacted] anytime, by leaving a message at the luncheonette. He requested that his wife not be disturbed at home as she is also in poor health and on medication.

In parting, GALLO was very amiable toward SA [redacted] and stated that he would make himself available anytime SA [redacted] requested.

On 6/9/82, [ ] provided the following information:

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Source advised that the GAMBINO Family is aware that there is an informant reporting to the family who is described as a tall guy. Source understands this information has come from JOE ARMONE and JOE N. GALLO. Source stated JOE GALLO first referred to this approximately two weeks ago.

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L.I. Newsday  
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## 2 Get Prison Terms In Store Extortion

County Court Judge Richard Delin sentenced two men to prison Friday for shaking down a Farmer's Market fruit-and-vegetable-store owner two years ago.

Tommy Agro → Thomas Agrow, 50, of 6907 Caldwell Ave., Maspeth, was sentenced to 2½ to 5 years in prison. His codefendant, Joseph Coniglio, 48, of 4 Cheryl Lane, Farmingdale, received 1 to 3 years. Coniglio is also under indictment in Nassau County for sale and possession of heroin.

The two men were convicted by a jury in April of attempted grand larceny in the first degree. They were acquitted on charges of first-degree coercion. According to testimony at the trial, they told the owner of a stall at the market in Hicksville that unless he paid them \$250 a week they would "tear his head off." The pair collected \$650 before the fruit-stand owner, who was not identified, went to police. They arrested the pair in April, 1980, outside a restaurant in Queens.

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# Memorandum



To : BQMRA (183A-2025) (P)

Date 6/16/82

From : SA [redacted] BQ-5)

Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
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(OO:BQ)

On 6/15/82, at 3:15 PM, subject was observed meeting with [redacted] at Sperazzas Luncheonette, corner of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street, Astoria, New York. [redacted] departed area at 3:35 PM, driving a new Buick, Florida license [redacted]

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FM BROOKLYN-QUEENS (183A-2025) (P) (BQ-5)

TO DIRECTOR (ROUTINE)

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); OO:BQ

BROOKLYN-QUEENS IS CONTINUING ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE  
 INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUBJECT, HIS ACTIVITIES AND OC ASSOCIATES.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS PROVEN MOST PRODUCTIVE IN SUR-  
 VEILLANCE COVERAGE OF SUBJECT. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION OBTAINED  
 FROM SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE OF SUBJECT HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL  
 NEW ASSOCIATES AND ASSISTED IN PROVIDING NEW OC INTELLIGENCE  
 INFORMATION PERTINENT TO SEVERAL BQ-5 PRIORITY I OC INVESTI-  
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BROOKLYN-QUEENS IS CONTINUING USE OF VAN-TYPE SURVEILLANCE  
 VEHICLE TO PROVIDE OPTIMUM COVERAGE. [REDACTED]

REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED] TO CASE FUND  
 REGARDING SURVEILLANCE EXPENDITURES.

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On June 23, 1982, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere, GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family, has told his crew of capos not to frequent the luncheonette at Broadway/Crescent Streets, Long Island City, New York, due to police surveillance. Source stated that GALLO is meeting weekly with NEIL DELLACROCE at the Ravenite Social Club, Mulberry Street, New York City.

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JOSEPH M. GALLO, ET AL; RICO (M), CO: BROOKLYN/QUEENS.

RE BROOKLYN/QUEENS TELETYPE OF JUNE 24, 1982.

BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED BROOKLYN/QUEENS TO EXPEND AN  
ADDITIONAL [REDACTED] UNDER SAC CASE AUTHORITY FOR NECESSARY  
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# Memorandum



To : BQMRA (183A-2025) (P)

Date 8/3/82

From : SA [redacted] (BQ-5)

Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
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Rememo of SA [redacted] dated 1/25/82.

Authority is requested to continue rental period of van which is due to expire on 8/14/82.

Rental van continues to be utilized as a valuable investigative tool in obtaining positive results from surveillance/photography activity..

In addition to captioned case, [redacted] Van has proven excellent in surveillance situations.

Van is available for all BQ-5 cases.

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# Drug Suspect Ill After Arrest

By Jim Mulvaney

Smithtown — A reputed organized crime figure suffered an apparent heart attack yesterday — shortly after he learned that the men he allegedly was trying to sell two pounds of heroin to were federal agents, the Drug Enforcement Administration said yesterday.

Alphonso Mosca, 69, whom authorities describe as a "major narcotics trafficker" with an arrest record dating to 1931, was taken into custody Tuesday at 11:30 PM on Motor Parkway. Members of the Long Island Narcotics Task Force also arrested his nephew, Gaetano DiGiorgio, 45, of 314 W. Market St., Long Beach, who was with him. Simultaneously, agents arrested DiGiorgio's brother, Carmine, 40, at his home at 559 W. Park St., Long Beach. All three were charged with conspiracy.

Mosca, who was reported in satisfactory condition in Saint John's Hospital yesterday, suffered the apparent heart attack while being booked earlier, drug enforcement agents said. He is being held in protective custody until he is well enough to be arraigned, agents said.

U.S. Magistrate Shira Sheindlin set \$300,000 bail for Gaetano DiGiorgio and \$200,000 bail for his brother, Carmine. Both men said they expected to raise the bail by today. Gaetano told agents he was a co-owner of the Roma Deli on West Beach Street, Long Beach.

The two other men didn't list occupations.

Richard Holborow, special agent in charge of the Long Island drug enforcement office, said undercover agents had been negotiating with the suspects since May for the purchase of a large amount of heroin. When they were arrested Tuesday night, Mosca and Gaetano DiGiorgio allegedly were carrying two pounds of heroin that tentative analysis listed as about 80 per cent pure, Holborow said.

"This is one of the purest seizures of this size on Long Island," Holborow said. "We've had larger seizures, but never this large a quantity with this purity."

Members of the joint task force, including detectives from the Suffolk police department and district attorney's office and Nassau police department, also seized a station wagon, two luxury cars and a .45-cal. automatic pistol.

Mosca, local and federal law enforcement officials said yesterday, is an associate of the Gambino crime syndicate whose first criminal conviction was in 1931 for assault and robbery. In 1946, he was sentenced to 1 year in jail for possession of heroin. Drug enforcement records list numerous other arrests on Mosca since 1960, but final dispositions were not available yesterday.

Drug Enforcement Administration intelligence records list Mosca as one of the "major narcotics violators" on the East Coast.

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## 3 Arrested in Heroin Bust

Hauppauge — Two brothers and their uncle were arrested last night in connection with delivery of two pounds of heroin to undercover federal and local narcotics detectives, officials said.

Gaetano DiGiorgio, 45, of 314 W. Market St., Long Beach, and his uncle, Alphonso Mosca, 69, of 99-32 62nd Ave., Forest Hills, were arrested at 11:30 PM in a parking lot near the intersection of Motor Parkway and Wicks Road here, according to Richard Holborow, special agent in charge of Long Island's Drug Enforcement Agency.

DiGiorgio's brother, Carmine, 40, 559 W. Park St., Long Beach, was arrested at his home at 11:40 PM, Holborow said. Two dozen officers were involved in the arrests, in which a 45-cal. handgun and three cars also were seized.

Holborow said the investigation was started in May by undercover agents from the DEA, Nassau County police, Suffolk County police and the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

He said that the suspects had arranged to meet the undercover officers in the parking lot and turn over the heroin for the agreed-upon price of \$200,000.

outside a customer's local service area were affected. The Eighth Precinct was unable to receive calls through its administrative lines.

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On August 12, 1982 [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] recently received a Government check at 210 E. 73rd Street. The check was made payable to J&J Meat Suppliers, 210 E. 73rd Street, New York City and was in the amount of [redacted]. The front of the check had the numbers [redacted]. This check was mailed to J&J from the Department of Treasury, Government Finance Center, PO Box 7838, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Source advised that on Tuesday, August 10, 1982, several individuals met at Rusty's restaurant in the early afternoon prior to the restaurants opening to the public. One of the individuals present was JOSEPH N. GALLO.

On August 21, 1982, source advised that GALLO and several other individuals again met at Rusty's restaurant on the afternoon of August 17, 1982.

Source also advised that [redacted] received three Government checks, during week of August 15, 1982. All three were made payable to J&J Meat Suppliers, as above, with the same return address. The amount of the [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. [redacted]

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On 8/31/82, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source viewed a number of photographs of known GAMBINO LCN members and associates, and advised as follows:

Source advised that on 8/10, 17, 24, and 31 (all Tuesdays) meetings were held at Rusty's Restaurant, 3rd Avenue at 73rd Street, Manhattan, prior to the restaurants opening to the public. On 8/10, 17, 24 the meetings were around 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon, on 8/31 the meeting was at 10:00 a.m.

Source positively identified the following as in attendance at meetings of 8/10, 17, and 24:

- 1) PAUL CASTELLANO
- 2) NIEL DELLACROCE
- 3) JOSEPH N. GALLO

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Source was not able to provide identity of individuals at 8/31 meeting.

Source stated that above individuals arrived at Rusty's via limousine which parked outside and waited. Each meeting lasted for about one hour.

Source advised that each observed meeting was held in the back of the restaurant, the very rear table.

Source advised that present also at the 8/10 and 8/17 meetings were two younger (30's) Italian males; one resembled [redacted] the other was possibly [redacted]

Source also advised that at one or more meetings, individuals resembling [redacted] and [redacted] were present. Source was quite certain that [redacted] was at the 8/17/82 meeting.

Source stated that JOSEPH N. GALLO and NIEL DELLACROCE handled most of the talking with any visitor; CASTELLANO was present but did not stay seated the whole time while discussions were taking place with any visitor.

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TO FBI BROOKLYN-QUEENS (183A-2025) (BQ-5) PRIORITY

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO(A); OO: BQ

REBQTELS DATED JUNE 25, 1982, AND SEPTEMBER 27, 1982.

BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED BROOKLYN-QUEENS TO EXPEND AN  
ADDITIONAL  UNDER SAC CASE AUTHORITY FOR NECESSARY  
EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THIS PRIORITY ORGANIZED CRIME  
INVESTIGATION.

BROOKLYN-QUEENS IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY PERTINENT  
DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE OF SUBJECTS AND  
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TO DATE AS INDICATED IN RETEL OF  
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BROOKLYN-QUEENS IS CONTINUING ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUBJECT, HIS ACTIVITIES AND OC ASSOCIATES.

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REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED]

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SURVEILLANCE COVER SHEET

DATE 10.6.82

CASE  
CAPTION:

JOE N. Gallo-ET AL

MCO (A)

(OO: 80)

183A-2025

SURVEILLANCE  
AGENTS ON  
DUTY:

10.5.82

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: YES ☒ NO ☐

LICENSE PLATES OBSERVED

661 GTY (NY) (Gallo)

TO SUPERVISOR

COMMENTS:

\* Vehicle @ NY licens had sign in  
window - JUDGE MURRAY or Murry

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Crescent Street, Astoria NY, AT WHICH TIME

THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED:

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
11:00am	AL	Surveillance initiated; Gallo's car in area.
11:50am		Joe W. Gallo observed to enter Kenchenele from direction of his residence.
11:55am		Gallo observed talking to numerous individuals
12:30pm		includes [redacted]
1:30pm		[redacted] Arrives driving Caddy; NY
		License [redacted] Talks to person in [redacted]
1:35pm		Gallo & [redacted] observed
		conversing. Gallo & [redacted] observed to
		work to OTB Dealer on Crescent Street. / Return
2:00pm		[redacted] observed talking to INSUB w/m
		who has been in area for about 1/2 hour.
2:10pm		INSUB w/m departs driving vehicle @ NY
		License [redacted]
2:30pm		Surveillance discontinued
		SA [redacted] FBI [redacted] 10/5/82

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On 9/28/82, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that on Thursday, 9/23/82, at approximately 11:00 AM, JOSEPH N. GALLO, TOMMY AGRO and [redacted] held a meeting at Rustys Restaurant, 73rd Street and 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, NY. The meeting lasted for about two hours.

Source stated that, as usual, GALLO and company sat at the very rear, left-hand corner, table.

Source advised that during above meeting, Rustys was closed to the general public. A new limosine was parked outside the front entrance of Rustys.

Source has also determined that [redacted]  
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[redacted] continues to receive one or two Government checks per week at his 73rd Street address of J & J Meats.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); (OO:BQ).

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REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED] TO CASE FUND  
REGARDING SURVEILLANCE EXPENDITURES.

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TO FBI BROOKLYN/QUEENS (100A-2025) (00-0) PRIORITY

ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR BRUCE HODG

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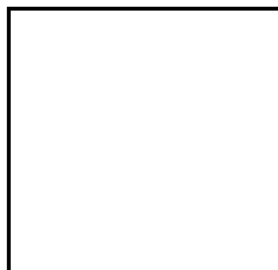
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RE BROOKLYN/QUEENS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ DECEMBER 16, 1902.

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ADDITIONAL  FOR CASE FUNDING TO HANDLE NECESSARY AND  
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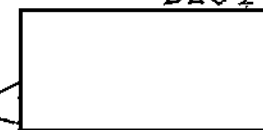
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On October 4, 1982, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

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Source advised that on Wednesday, September 29, 1982, a meeting of the hierarchy of the GAMBINO and GENOVESE LCN Family's took place. Source stated that "FAT TONY" SALERNO, CHIN GIGANTE, JOE N. GALLO, and NEIL DELLACROCE were in attendance.

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REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED] REGARDING SURVEILLANCE EXPENDITURES.

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[REDACTED] REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED]

REGARDING SURVEILLANCE EXPENDITURES.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); OO: BQ

RE BQ TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED 11/12/82.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR BROOKLYN/QUEENS TO EXPEND  
AN ADDITIONAL  UNDER SAC AUTHORITY, FOR EXPENSES INCURRED  
IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

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SURVEILLANCE COVER SHEET

DATE

1.21.83

CASE  
CAPTION:

JOSEPH N. Gallo

ET AL

(LICO) (A)

CO: BQ

SURVEILLANCE  
AGENTS ON  
DUTY:

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: YES ☐

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LICENSE PLATES OBSERVED

661 GTY NY

TO SUPERVISOR

COMMENTS:

Gallo not observed.

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VICINITY OF Circuit Street - Broadway Ave.  
Astoria Queens, AT WHICH TIME

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
2:30pm	A✓	Surveillance instituted; Joe W. Gallo car, NY license 661 GTY parked on 31st Ave at Crescent Street.
5:30pm	A✓	Surveillance discontinued - Gallo not observed.
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On February 10, 1983, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the following information:

Source advised that JOSEPH N. GALLO is stepping down from his position in the GAMBINO family and is retiring from his activity in this family and will move to Florida.

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Source advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] is made in the GAMBINO family and is involved mainly in loansharking and bookmaking.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/23/83

TO : BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA  
(183A-2025) (P)

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (BQ-5)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
ET AL  
RICO(A)  
(OO:BQ)

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 8/14/82.

Rental van in captioned case continues to be utilized as a valuable investigative tool in obtaining positive results from surveillance/photography activity.

In addition to captioned case, van has been utilized to assist investigation of the following cases:

File	Squad	Case Agent
183A-2204	BQ-5	[REDACTED]
183A-1813	"	"
[REDACTED]		
183A-1795	"	"
183A-2407	"	[REDACTED]

Versatility provided by van, to conduct investigative activity in the greater NYC area, has proven a major asset. Writer has received numerous requests from fellow agents re possibility of using van in their respective cases.

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In view of the above, and in anticipation of necessity to provide greater surveillance coverage in support of pen registers and Title III installation, writer requests that authority be granted to extend rental period of van for a period of six months. L /E

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SURVEILLANCE COVER SHEET

DATE 3.16.83

CASE  
CAPTION:

JOSEPH N. Gallo;  
ET AL  
WCO(A)  
183A-2025

SURVEILLANCE  
AGENTS ON  
DUTY:

SA

[Redacted]

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: YES ☐ NO ☒

LICENSE PLATES OBSERVED

661 GTY / NY  
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TO SUPERVISOR

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COMMENTS:

661 GTY Joe N. Gallo's vehicle

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SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED IN THE

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VICINITY OF Broadway Ave, Crescent Street, Astoria NY.

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THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED:

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
1:15pm	AN	Surveillance instituted in area of residence of Joe N. Gallo; Gallo's vehicle, 1978 Black Caddy NY license 661 GTY parked in front of 31.85 Crescent street.
1:20pm	AN	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> observed at Luncheonette, corner Broadway Ave, Crescent Street:
1:32pm	AN	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> in area: (in + out of Luncheonette.
3:04pm	AN	Joseph N. Gallo walks from residence to luncheonette.
3:05pm	AN	Gallo walks to Hair Salon on Crescent Street
3:06pm	AN	Gallo out with <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> to Luncheonette
3:45pm	AN	Gallo outside luncheonette; talks to SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 50px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
5:15pm	AN	Surveillance terminated

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On February 27, 1983, [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that PAUL CASTELLANO, ANIELLO DELLACROCE, and JOE N. GALLO make up the hierarchy of the GAMBINO Crime Family, with CASTELLANO as the Boss of the Family. Source speculated that, should something happen to CASTELLANO which would preclude him from performing in that capacity, it is doubtful whether either DELLACROCE or GALLO would either be interested or able to take over, both because of poor health and old age.

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Source further speculated that TOMMY BILOTTI would be a very strong contender for the position, as would JOHNNY GOTTI. However, source suggested that CASTELLANO may be grooming his [redacted] the late CARLO GAMBINO, who proceeded his brother-in-law, PAUL CASTELLANO as Head of the Family.

Source feels that CASTELLANO may favor GAMBINO, not only because of biological family ties, but also because of GAMBINO's control of New York's garment industry.

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On March 20, 1983 [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

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Source advised that ANIELLO DELLACROCE and JOE N. GALLO meet very infrequently with PAUL CASTELLANO, the Boss of the GAMBINO Crime Family. However, they have met occasionally at a couple of functions and both DELLACROCE and GALLO have met with CASTELLANO at CASTELLANO's residence. To source's knowledge, this has only occurred two or three times over the course of the past year or so and only once did they visit CASTELLANO at the same time. Those meetings were always late at night, in order to avoid detection by law enforcement agencies, and they were driven there by their own people.

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HAS ENHANCED BQ-5, TITLE 111 OPERATIONS IN THREE SEPARATE CASES.

USE OF A VAN-TYPE SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE PROVIDES OPTIMUM  
COVERAGE [REDACTED]

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REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED] TO CASE FUND  
REGARDING SURVEILLANCE EXPENDITURES.

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COVERAGE. [REDACTED]

REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORITY TO REPLENISH [REDACTED] TO CASE FUND  
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TO FBI NEW YORK (183A-2025)(BQ-5) IMMEDIATE

(ATTN: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] BQMRA)

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); OO: BQ.

RE BQ TEL TO DIRECTOR, 3/24/83.

BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED BQMRA TO EXPEND AN ADDITIONAL

[REDACTED] UNDER CASE FUND FOR NECESSARY AND MISCELLANEOUS  
EXPENSES.

FOR INFORMATION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION  
CONCURS WITH THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION TO EXTEND THE  
RENTAL OF A VAN FOR SIXTY DAYS TO SUPPORT SURVEILLANCE  
ACTIVITIES IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

BQ SHOULD INSURE THAT THE VEHICLE IS RENTED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 6-6.10, PAGE 456.

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THE BQ CASE AGENT SHOULD INSURE THAT ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL OF THIS VEHICLE ARE REPORTED TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE AUTOMOTIVE CLERK TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE REPORT AS SET FORTH IN THE ALL SAC MEMORANDUM DATED 12/28/82.

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On February 28, 1983 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] and TOMMY AGRO, members of the GAMBLING LCN Family, are currently shaking down the owner of "Club A" Disco, 333 East 60th Street, New York City. Source, who described the [redacted] as a [redacted] stated the [redacted] has paid [redacted] to date to these individuals. Source advised that [redacted] and AGRO are collecting between \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00 a week from the [redacted]

Source stated that [redacted] can be found at the club on a weekly basis after 10:00 pm.

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On March 10, 1983, [redacted] as follows: [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and [redacted] (Phonetic) (PH) are

licensees at the English Pub, Seventh Avenue, New York City (NYC). [redacted] and [redacted] (LCN) GAMBINO members [redacted] have ownership interests in the English Pub as well as the Bloomin Pub and Rusty's Restaurant, NYC.

[redacted] NYC. [redacted] also has an interest in Truffles Restaurant, [redacted]

[redacted] LCN GAMBINO members NEIL DELLACROCE and [redacted] (PH), LCN GAMBINO associate, accompanies [redacted] on their weekly visits to Prince George Hotel, West 28th Street, NYC, New York (NY). These men can be found at that location, on Thursday nights after 11:00 PM.

Above the Bloomin Pub, on East 59th Street, between Second and Third Avenue, are two apartments which are [redacted] by LCN GAMBINO member [redacted]

[redacted] comes to the English Pub in the late evening and counts receipts in the upstairs office [redacted]

[redacted] is extremely upset over a pending court case in Nassau County wherein he reportedly beat some youths with a baseball bat; [redacted] feels he will be jailed for this offense and is concerned about loss of funds.

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On March 18, 1983, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] as follows:

Photos of [redacted] and [redacted] were positively identified.

[redacted] and [redacted] are made GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) members.

All three men have ownership interests in three New York City (NYC) restaurants, English Pub, 900 Seventh Avenue; Rusty's Restaurant, 1271 Third Avenue; and the Bloomin Pub, NYC.

[redacted] is usually armed and has a vicious temper.

JOE N. GALLO, GAMBINO LCN member frequents the English Pub.

GAMBINO LCN members [redacted] and [redacted] go to the Prince George Hotel every Thursday night to visit [redacted] and [redacted] frequent a club at 247 Mulberry Street, NYC.

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SURVEILLANCE COVER SHEET

DATE 5/9/83

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CAPTION:

[Redacted]

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AGENTS ON  
DUTY:

SA [Redacted]

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TO SUPERVISOR

COMMENTS:

6449 ATG - Tommy Gambino / Driver

4148 ART - Joe Butch

5348 APG - Tommy Bilibic / Paul Castellano / Tailor

[Redacted] = [Redacted] / Joe N Gallo

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SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED IN THE

VICINITY OF MARTINIS Sea Food Restaurant, 8616 4th Ave  
(at 87th Street) Bay Ridge Brook Lyn, AT WHICH TIME

THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED:

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
3:00p	A	Surveillance instituted on observation of vehicle @ NY license 6449 ATG and 5348 APG (Tommy Bilotti) parked in area of Martinis restaurant.
3:04	A	Vehicle @ NY license 4148 ART noted across street from restaurant on 4th Ave.
3:46	A	Insus <sup>1</sup> w/m at 6449 ATG (Driver) (Photos obtained) stands outside/early - (w/m, 55-60, 5'6", Stocky, Grey Hair, Glasses, Coal/tie)
3:45	A	Insus <sup>1</sup> in vehicle 6449 ATG - reading paper.
4:15p	A	Tommy Bilotti exits MARTINIS, looks at his vehicle (5348 APG w/t), then enters MARTINIS, waves to driver of 6449 ATG.
4:30p	A	Driver of 6449 ATG makes U-turn on 4th Ave to head north & Parks in front of hydrant. remains in Car.
4:45p	A	Paul Castellano, Tommy Bilotti James Failla

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
4:46a	a	John Gotti, [redacted] Tommy Gambino and Joseph N. Gallo exit MARTINIS Restaurant: (Plates obtained)
4:49p	a	Tommy Bilalci waves to driver of 6449 ATG to make U-turn and pull up in front of restaurant.
4:49p	a	Tommy Bilalci and John Gotti observe SA [redacted] taking photographs; Tommy Bilalci waves driver of 6449 ATG to proceed north on 4th Ave.
4:50p	a	Tommy Bilalci helps Paul Castellano and Tommy Gambino in his car (Lic. 5348 ADG) - departs area last, driving west on 87th Street.
4:53p	a	[redacted] crosses street to his vehicle (Lic 6148 ART NY) - departs area north on 4th Ave.
4:57p	a	John Gotti and [redacted] walk south on 4th Ave.; JOSEPH N. Gallo follows.
4:56p	a	Gotti [redacted] and Gallo walk to 89th Street then turn west.
4:58p	a	Gotti [redacted] and Gallo observed in parking lot on 89th Street between 4th and 3rd Aves. Vehicles to NY Lic's [redacted] + 8892 ANU in lot
5:03p	a	Gotti observed driving 8892 ANU west on 3rd Ave
5:05p	AK	[redacted] and Gallo observed in [redacted] North 3rd Ave.
5:15p	a	Surveillance terminated

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On April 19, 1983, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere GAMBINO LCN Family, is sponsoring [redacted] to be elevated to Capo in the GAMBINO LCN Family.

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On April 19, 1983 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that on Sunday, April 17, 1983, a meeting of the hierarchy of the GAMBINO LCN Family took place in Staten Island, New York. Source stated that PAUL CASTELLANO, Boss; NEIL DELLACROCE, underboss; and JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere, were present. Source advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] all Capos were also in attendance.

Source stated [redacted] members, and [redacted] were also at the meeting.

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On May 19, 1983 [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA)  
[redacted] the following information:

Source advised JOE N. GALLO has control of Club A, 333  
East 60th Street, New York City and Regine's, 502 Park Avenue,  
New York City. Source advised that TOMMY AGRO oversees GALLO's  
interest at Club A and can be frequently located at their club.

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# Memorandum



To : BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA  
(183A-2025)

Date 6/20/83

From : SA [redacted] (Q-5)

Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
ET AL  
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Attached list represents membership (as of 3/82) of  
the Greater Blouse Skirt and Undergarment Association of New  
York City (GBSUA), 225 West 34th Street, Manhattan.

This list was made available to writer by [redacted]  
[redacted]

Due to current FBI investigative interest in the  
GBSUA, it is recommended that a new sub file (SUB D) be opened  
as a repository for material relative to this topic.

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On 6/21/83, at approximately 5:15 P.M., writer was proceeding north on Mulberry St. Outside of the RAVENITE SOCIAL CLUB, near the corner of Prince St. and Mulberry St., writer observed approximately 6-8 white males engaged in conversation. Included in this group were JOHN GOTTI, JOE N. GALLO and ANGELO RUGGIERO.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); (00:BQ).

SUBJECT IS CURRENT CONSIGLIERIE OF GAMBINO LCN FAMILY IN NEW YORK CITY AND ONE OF THREE MOST POWERFUL LCN FIGURES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO DEPEND GREATLY ON MAXIMUM UTILIZATION AND DISCREET SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE RE IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECTS ACTIVITIES/ASSOCIATES.

SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE OF SUBJECT HAS RESULTED IN IDENTIFYING

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GREATEST IMPACT RE DISCREET PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF SUBJECT HAS BEEN THE ABILITY OF THIS COVERAGE TO SUPPLEMENT AND ENHANCE THE INVESTIGATIONS OF TWO (2) SEPARATE PRIORITY T-III OPERATIONS OF BQ-5. BOTH THESE OPERATIONS ARE TARGETED AGAINST THE GAMBINO LCN HEIRARCHY.

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES, THE HEIRARCHY OF THE GAMBINO LCN FAMILY, ARE EXTREMELY SURVEILLANCE-CONSCIOUS. INFORMANT INFORMATION HAS REPEATEDLY CONFIRMED THIS FACT. (THEY WILL GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO AVOID FBI DETECTION OF THEIR MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES).

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NEITHER OF ABOVE ADVANTAGES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN BUREAU VEHICLES AT BQ. -

RENTAL OF VAN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SAC CRIMINAL DIVISION, NY.

CASE FUND RE CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION IS USED FOR BOTH RENTAL FEE [ ] AND ALL RELATED RENTAL EXPENSES.

AT PRESENT TIME RENTAL FEE OF [ ] IS DUE AND PAYABLE AND NEXT [ ] WILL BE DUE JULY 10, 1983. - GAS BILL IS PAID SEPARATELY. -

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REQUEST BUREAU AUTHORIZE [ ] REPLENISHMENT TO CASE FUND IN SUPPORT OF RENTAL VAN AND EXPENSES.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] New York, was  
contacted at his place of employment. [redacted] was apprised of the  
identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the  
interview; he provided the following information.

Prior to talking to interviewing Agent, [redacted] requested  
assurance that the information he was about to provide would not  
be used to further involve him, or his business, in any type of  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation. In any case,  
[redacted] would not be willing to testify in court, as to the  
information provided.

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By SA [redacted] kh

Date Dictated 5/18/82

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[redacted] again reiterated that he wished to remain  
anonymous regarding any information furnished to the FBI in this  
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he was furnishing information to the FBI, [redacted]  
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TO FBI NEW YORK ROUTINE

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JOSEPH N, GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); OO: BQ.

RE BQ TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED 6/29/83.

BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED BQMRA TO EXPEND AN ADDITIONAL

[REDACTED] UNDER CASE AUTHORITY TO HANDLE NECESSARY PAST EXPENSES IN

THIS CASE.

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FOR INFORMATION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION,

FBIHQ, ADVISED THAT CONTINUED RENTAL AUTHORITY FOR VAN AS SET

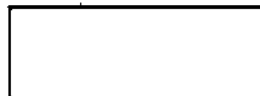
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JOSEPH N. GALLO was observed by writer at approximately 5:30 P.M., standing in the doorway of Cafe Fortuna, 25-1? Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York.

At approximately 6:00 P.M., GALLO exited Cafe Fortuna and walked across Broadway Avenue to the North East corner of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street. At that time, Special Agent (SA) [ ] approached GALLO and offered his greetings. GALLO recognized SA [ ] and returned the greeting. The following conversation ensued.

GALLO's first words to SA [ ] were "now what"; he asked what SA [ ] was doing in the neighborhood and gave the impression that he was expecting some bad news.

SA [ ] responded that he had stopped in the area to find GALLO for the explicit purpose of inquiring about his health.

GALLO immediately advised that he had just recently been confined to a hospital regarding his heart problems and was not a well man.

GALLO slowly started walking toward his residence.

SA [ ] asked GALLO if he would be amenable to meeting with SA [ ] in the future, and suggested lunch or dinner.

GALLO responded in the negative, stating that he did not eat lunch and never went out for dinner.

When SA [ ] pointed out to GALLO that he had last seen and talked to him near Martinis Restaurant, in Bay Ridge, GALLO became obviously nervous and defensive. GALLO avoided answering directly any more questions posed by SA [ ] and walked faster toward his residence.

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By SA [ ] h

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SA [ ] told GALLO that he should seriously consider a meeting with SA [ ] for their mutual benefit. SA [ ] added that any such meetings may place SA [ ] in a better position to offer some assistance to both GALLO and his family.

At the above reference to GALLO's family, GALLO stopped walking and became very indignant toward SA [ ]. GALLO raised his voice and his hand. Pointing a finger at SA [ ], GALLO stated that he would not stand for any involvement of his family in this matter. He said, "You leave my family out of this".

GALLO was quite obviously excited and concerned at this prospect. He did not ask for SA [ ] to offer any explanation for this reference at family; or which particular member of his family might benefit and how.

GALLO concluded by stating that he did not wish to speak to SA [ ] any more, did not want to see him any more and did not want SA [ ] to "come around" to bother him again.

SA [ ] thanked GALLO for the conversation and parted company.

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On July 19, 1983, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO met with PAUL CASTELLANO on Friday, July 15, 1983, at an unknown location in Brooklyn, New York. Source stated that GALLO continues to frequent the luncheonette at Broadway and Crescent Streets, Long Island City, New York. Source advised that GALLO is holding meetings at the Cafe Espresso, Broadway, Long Island City, New York, which is [redacted]

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); (OO:BQ)..

SUBJECT IS CURRENT CONSIGLIERIRE OF NYC GAMBINO LCN FAMILY AND ONE OF THERE MOST POWERFUL LCN FIGURES IN UNITED STATES.

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**SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED IN THE**

VICINITY OF Brooklyn Ave, Crescent Street  
Astoria NY. AT WHICH TIME  
THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED: .

TIME	INIT.	OBSERVATIONS
1:00 PM	Ar	Surveillance instituted, 661 GTY parked on Crescent Street front of 31-85.
1:15 PM	Ar	Joseph V. Gallo observed at <u>Cafe Toller</u> 25-10 Broadway Ave. @ several other individuals including [redacted] and [redacted]
1:17 PM	Ar	Gallo walks to 678 Parker 25-14 Broadway Ave
1:20 PM	Ar	Gallo returns to Cafe Toller.
1:25 PM	Ar	SA [redacted] meets with Gallo at Cafe Toller for interview
1:45 PM	Ar	Surveillance terminated
		SA [redacted]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/16/83

TO : BROOKLYN-QUEENS (183A-2025) (P)

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (BQ-5)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
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Investigation at BQ revealed that on 8/24/83 at 3:00 P.M., JOSEPH N. GALLO was admitted to the Ellenville, New York Community Hospital, Ellenville, New York (Telephone 914-647-6400) for observations re "heart problems".

Investigation further disclosed that GALLO's problems were nothing more serious than a possible angina attack.

GALLO's physician at Ellenville was [REDACTED]

GALLO signed himself out of the hospital on Friday, 8/26/83.

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[redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was contacted in the area of his residence. [redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview; he provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was familiar with THOMAS AGRO, and has known him for approximately seven years. [redacted] explained that for a large part of the past ten years he has been employed as [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that in this capacity he has met a number of people who are allegedly connected with "organized crime". [redacted] advised that THOMAS AGRO was in this category. [redacted] knew AGRO as "Tommy A".

[redacted] advised that he last saw THOMAS AGRO about six months ago. [redacted] added that for the past three months he has quit his employment as [redacted] and is working in other endeavors.

[redacted] advised that during the time that he was associated with [redacted] THOMAS AGRO was a frequent and welcomed customer. [redacted] stated that AGRO was a [redacted] and for this reason, often times was afforded [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that more often than not, AGRO would arrive at [redacted] with a female companion, often times it was [redacted] AGRO was also frequently joined at [redacted] by other "organized crime" people and [redacted] identified photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] as some of these individuals.

[redacted] knew [redacted]

Investigation on 11/11/83 at Manhattan, New York

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by SA [redacted] as

Date dictated 11/11/83

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[ ] went on to add that he knew most of the above individuals by their nicknames because in his capacity as [ ] he was often [ ] to one or the other from various people.

[ ] advised that in his capacity as [ ] he had [ ] which he was authorized to utilize for club advertisement. [ ] advised that when THOMAS AGRO learned of this [ ] available to [ ] AGRO frequently called on [ ] to utilize this [ ] for AGRO's benefit. [ ] explained that AGRO would often call on him to [ ] to AGRO's friends at a particular [ ] would be put on [ ]

[ ] advised that he did not particularly care for THOMAS AGRO, however, felt that in light of his position as [ ] it was in his best interest that he maintain a cordial relationship with AGRO. [ ] stated that he has seen AGRO become very nasty at individuals for the slightest provocations. He explained that many times AGRO would take offense if it appeared that someone was not paying him the right "respect", or they were avoiding AGRO's attention.

[ ] advised that subsequent to his employment at [ ] he worked at [ ] which is located on 60th Street, between First and Second Avenues, New York City. [ ] stated that THOMAS AGRO and his friends were frequent visitors at [ ] and received the same preferential treatment at this establishment which they had received at [ ]

[ ] advised that he was not aware that THOMAS AGRO or any of his friends or associates were in any way employed or received monetary compensation from either [ ]

[ ] advised that in his association with THOMAS AGRO and his friends, [ ] realized that he was dealing with "Organized Crime elements", however, he felt very secure in dealing with these people, inasmuch as he had daily contact with them at the clubs where he was employed. [ ] advised that often times AGRO and his associates would do "favors" for [ ] who in turn would then return a favor by buying a drink or a bottle of champagne and putting it on the house tab for AGRO or his friends.

[ ] advised that several times he accompanied AGRO or other of his friends to after hours clubs in New York City. One such club he recalled as being located on 79th Street at First Avenue, above a laundry. [ ] found humor in this inasmuch as the gambling going on was quite substantial and many people lost a lot of money. [ ] advised that he was not a gambler and his only reason for going to any of the after hours clubs was to relax after work as these were the only places open at that hour.

[ ] advised that he was aware that AGRO had recently been confined to a hospital as he recalls AGRO visiting [ ] several times wearing a hospital band on one of his arms and telling [ ] that he could not be caught outside the hospital or he would be in a lot of trouble.

[ ] also recalled a particular incident at [ ] after he identified a photograph of JOSEPH N. GALLO as an AGRO associate. [ ] described GALLO as a very distinguished elderly gentleman who seemed to command the respect of THOMAS AGRO and all of his associates. [ ] went on to explain that THOMAS AGRO sometime in the early part of 1983, had arranged for a party at [ ] in honor of an anniversary. [ ] subsequently determined that the anniversary was for JOE N. GALLO and his wife. [ ] advised that there was a disturbance created at the anniversary party because one of the invited guests had arrived at the party with a girlfriend or mistress instead of his wife. [ ] later determined that Mrs. GALLO had become quite upset at this and this information had been passed to THOMAS AGRO who was very embarrassed.

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[ ] advised that the above anniversary was attended by approximately 12 Italian males with their female companions including JOE N. GALLO, [ ] and THOMAS AGRO, [ ]

[ ] advised that [ ] was also known to him as [ ] [ ] stated that he last saw [ ] at Rascal's Restaurant, New York City, approximately four weeks ago.

[ ] advised that [ ] lives in a very nice apartment on East 80th Street, New York City, [ ] had visited this apartment several times with other individuals. [ ] advised that [ ] is part owner of Rusty's Restaurant in New York City and is a close associate of [ ]

[ ] was displayed a photograph of ANTHONY RUGGIANO, whom [ ] did not recognize.

[ ] was advised that TOMMY AGRO was currently a federal fugitive being sought by the FBI in New York City.

[ ] advised that if he should see TOMMY AGRO in New York City or if he should learn of AGRO's whereabouts, he would immediately contact SA [ ]

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On January 30, 1984 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] was recently "made" in the GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family. Source stated that [redacted] reports to JOE N. GALLO, consigliere. Source advised that [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) (LNU), capo, GAMBINO Family, controls the State of Connecticut for PAUL CASTELLANO.



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[redacted] was contacted at the OFF TRACK BETTING (OTB) Parlor, at 25-14 Broadway Avenue (Ave.), Astoria, New York (NY). [redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and the nature of the interview. He provided the following information.

[redacted] advised that he was aware that both ANTHONY RUGGIANO, and THOMAS AGRO, were currently Federal fugitives, being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] admitted knowing both individuals, however, advised that he had not been in contact with them since their fugitive status, and had no idea of their current whereabouts.

[redacted] advised that his reason for being in the neighborhood was to say hi to JOE N. GALLO, and he was in the process of departing, and therefore could not talk further to the interviewing Agent.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted at the CAFFE FORTUNA, 25-10 Broadway Avenue (Ave.), Astoria, New York (NY). GALLO was apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the following conversation ensued.

GALLO advised that he had recently spent a week at a hospital, regarding his heart condition, and was still feeling very bad and not able to move around much.

GALLO had also recently answered a state subpoena, regarding a shylock investigation, involving [redacted] and his dealings with an owner or manager of a KEY FOOD STORE in Astoria. GALLO explained that, to his knowledge, State Attorney [redacted] office had been conducting a shylock investigation, regarding [redacted], and numerous other individuals, having business with this owner, or manager of the above KEY FOOD STORE. It appears that the person had gone to numerous shylocks to obtain loans to finance his business, and had then gone to authorities when he could not repay his loans. The investigators had apparently placed a, "Bug" in the business office of this individual, and had recorded numerous conversations relative to shylocking activity. GALLO stated that his name had been brought up by [redacted] as an individual who might have been able to loan additional funds to this KEY FOOD person, regarding his financial problems.

GALLO readily admitted, that [redacted] had approached him, sometime last year, regarding such a proposal, however, GALLO had turned him down completely. GALLO stated, [redacted] is not to bright."

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GALLO stated that he had answered the above subpoena against the advise of his lawyer, only to show the Grand Jury that he had, "Nothing to hide." GALLO felt that the attempt to involve him in any such shylocking investigation was totally

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ridiculous. He added, [redacted] that's the one thing I've never been, a shylock," he explained that he did not beleive in this type of activity, and although he knew it was common in New York City (NYC), he did not involve himself in it.

GALLO stated, that to his knowledge, the intercept time, regarding above shylocking transactions, was some time in January, 1983. He added that about 150 people had been subpoenaed, to provide testimony in this matter.

GALLO stated, that he had no recent information regarding the current whereabouts of either TOMMY AGRO, or ANTHONY RUGGIANO. He felt that both of these individuals were doing the wrong thing by, "Running from their responsibilities."

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GALLO advised that his stance against dealing, or use of narcotics was as strong as ever, and that, "Anyone who gets caught dealing in narcotics, deserves everything that they have comming to them."

GALLO stated that [redacted] with whom he had met earlier in the day, was an old family friend whom he had not seen for some time. [redacted] had stopped by to see GALLO, regarding his wife, who was very ill and needed to be hospitalized regarding a kidney problem.

GALLO commented that [redacted] who had earlier walked right by SA [redacted] without recognition, needed to drink some carrot juice to improve his eyesight.

GALLO advised that, neither he nor NEIL (DELLACROCE), were required to respond with a trip to Florida to answer subpoenas regarding the "Fat Andy" and TOMMY AGRO investigation. GALLO stated that NEIL's subpoena had been

vacated, because he was apparently under investigation or indictment in a NYC case, and GALLO's doctor had been successful in convincing United States Attorney [redacted] that GALLO's medical situation prevented his travel to Florida.

[redacted] GALLO was advised by SA [redacted] that Attorney [redacted] had intended to have GALLO submit to a physical examination by an impartial physician. [redacted] had contacted SA [redacted] with this proposal, and SA [redacted] had informed [redacted] that GALLO was indeed a sick man, and that a trip to Florida at this time would serve no useful purpose.

GALLO thanked SA [redacted] for this expression to [redacted]

GALLO then said, "You know [redacted] this [redacted] is a [redacted] I had always thought he was a Greek; anyway he recently quit his job so he is no longer on this case."

SA [redacted] asked GALLO where and how he had learned this information, and GALLO explained that one of the attorneys, who was in Florida representing a client who had responded to the subpoenas in this case, had spoken to [redacted] and [redacted] had told him that he was quitting.

SA [redacted] informed GALLO, that to his knowledge, [redacted] was still working on this case, however, he had expressed his desire to leave government service for private practice sometime after the completion of this case.

GALLO then said, "You know [redacted] all the attorneys leave the government job as soon as they see the money on the other side." GALLO went on to state, in a joking manner, that he often gives his card to prosecuting attorneys with whom he has contact, so that they can contact him when they leave government service.

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GALLO advised that he may be making a trip soon, to Duke University. He stated that he has not been there for about two years, and feels that a complete physical would do him good. The only reason he has not gone yet is because the weather in North Carolina has been, "Lousy."

The above interview lasted from approximately 3:15 P.M., to 3:45 P.M.

SA  and GALLO parted company on very cordial terms.

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On March 7, 1984, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] also known as [redacted] intends to buy the luncheonette at Crescent and Broadway, Long Island City, when JOE N. GALLO frequents.

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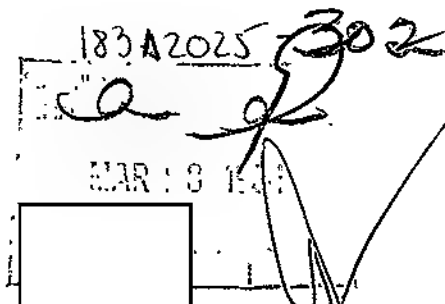
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On March 6, 1984, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source displayed the attached photograph taken in the vicinity of Crescent Street and Broadway, Queens, New York. Source advised that this individual is identical to [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) (LNU). Source stated that [redacted] was recently arrested in Suffolk County for passing counterfeit credit cards.

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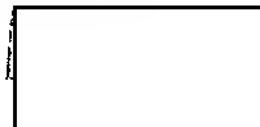
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## 13 Indicted After Investigation of Major Loan-Sharking Ring

By PHILIP SHENON

Thirteen men were indicted yesterday on charges of having refused to give testimony or having evaded questions before a Manhattan grand jury investigating a major loan-sharking and extortion ring.

Among the indicted were several reputed organized-crime figures, including Joseph Yacovelli, who has been identified as a leader of the Colombo crime family.

The men were all charged with first-degree criminal contempt and have pleaded not guilty. If convicted, they could each face four years in prison. All but one of the defendants — Vito Guzzo Sr., who was held in \$5,000 bail — were released yesterday on their own recognizance.

According to the Manhattan District Attorney, Robert M. Morgenthau, the loan-sharking ring was operated by several organized-crime groups headquartered in Manhattan.

### 200% Interest Rate

At a news conference in his office at 1 Hogan Place, Mr. Morgenthau said that the ring had lent "several million dollars" at interest rates of up to 200 percent a year.

The grand jury was formed last December to hear evidence about the loan-sharking and about a separate bookmaking scheme that prosecutors

said had been run from the Andrea Doria Social Club at 187 Mulberry Street.

The indictments said the suspects had evaded or refused to answer questions about a series of crimes, including a beating.

In his indictment, Mr. Guzzo — 50 years old, of 83-49 78th Street, Middle Village, Queens — was charged with contempt. Prosecutors said he had refused to answer a question about whether he had discussed plans to murder a potential trial witness.

His son, Vito Guzzo Jr., 19, was charged with evading questions about

whether he had used a baseball bat to beat up someone who owed money to his cousin.

Two indictments were returned against Mr. Yacovelli, 66, of 168 Mulberry Street. The first charged that he had evaded questions concerning whether he had discussed loans of more than \$10,000 with another defendant — James Ida, 44, of 25 Maretek Court, Staten Island. In the second, he was accused of evading a question of whether he had mediated a dispute over a \$10,000 wager reportedly made at the social club.

The other men indicted were:

Robert Boyallan, 42, 30-18 Crescent Street, Astoria, Queens  
Louis Casali, 37, 405 Westminister Road, Flatbush, Brooklyn  
Peter Deluio, 33, 1168 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island  
Leonard DiMatia, 42, 105-61 Flatlands 10th Street, Flatlands, Brooklyn  
Nicholas Frustati, 52, 196 First Avenue, Manhattan  
Anthony Grisco, 59, 313 Mott Street, Manhattan  
Accursio Licata, 61, 98 Elizabeth Street, Manhattan  
Albert Palmieri, 166 Mulberry Street, Manhattan  
Joseph Speranza, 60, 20-36 14th Street, Astoria, Queens

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# Indict silent 13 in rackets probe

By FRANK FASO  
and PAUL MESKIL

The former acting boss of the Colombo crime family and 12 other alleged mob members and associates were indicted on criminal contempt charges yesterday in an investigation of citywide loan sharking, extortion and gambling operations involving millions of dollars.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said the defendants refused to testify or gave evasive testimony before a Manhattan grand jury during a 14-month investigation of the illegal operations.

One of those indicted was Joseph (Joe Yac) Yacovelli, 56, of Mulberry St. and Norwood, N.J., who became acting head of the Colombo family in 1971 after boss Joseph Colombo was fatally wounded at a rally of his Italian-American Civil Rights League in Columbus Circle. According to organized crime investigators, he still holds a high position in the family.

THE INDICTMENTS charged that Yacovelli evaded questions about whether he discussed loans of more than \$10,000 with another defendant, James Ida, outside the Andrea Doria Social Club, 167 Mulberry St., in June 1982. Ida, 44, of Mareček Court, Staten Island, is a reputed soldier in the Genovese crime family and a close associate of Genovese family captain Matthew (Matty the Horse) Ianniello.

Yacovelli was also charged with evading questions about whether he mediated a dispute over a \$10,000 bet at a gambling operation in the social club.

Another defendant, Nicholas (Nick the Blond) Frustaci, was accused of giving false answers to questions about whether he and convicted loan shark Angelo Tomao discussed owing Ianniello \$100,000. Frustaci, 52, of First Ave., is listed in police and FBI files as a soldier in the Gambino crime family.

DEFENDANT JOSEPH Sperazza, 69, of 14th St., Astoria, Queens, was accused of evading questions about his relationship with John (Buster) Ardito,

64, described by investigators as a Genovese captain and major loan shark.

Defendant Vito Guzzo, 50, of 78th St., Middle Village, Queens, was charged with refusing to answer questions about a plot to murder a potential witness against Tomao. Guzzo's son, Vito Jr., 18, same address, was accused of evading questions about "whether he used a baseball bat to beat up a person who owed money" to his cousin.

Other defendants are Leonard Di Maria, 42, Flatlands 10th St., Brooklyn; Robert Boyajian, 49, Crescent St., Astoria; Louis Casarini, 37, Westminster Road, Brooklyn; Peter Delutro, 33, Richmond Ave., Staten Island; Anthony Grieco, 59, Mott St., Astoria; Louis, 61, Elizabeth St., and Albert Palmeri, 63, Mulberry St.

If convicted, the defendants could each face up to four years in prison. The investigations that led to the indictments were carried out by Detectives Frank Imunda, John Gurnee, Julio Rodriguez of Morgenthau's squad.



WILLIE ANDERSON DAILY NEWS  
Woman detective leads one of 13 suspects indicted yesterday.

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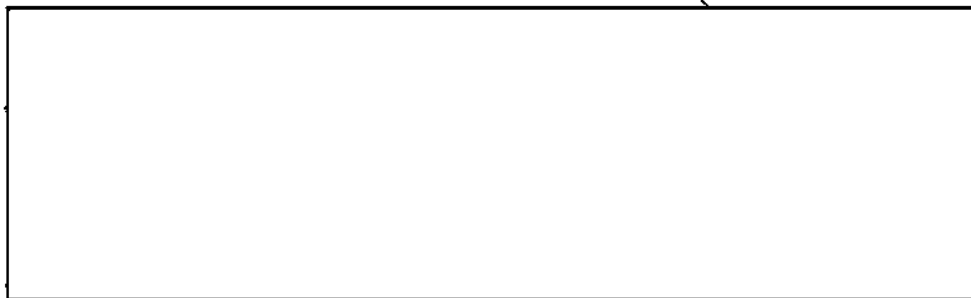
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From : SA [redacted] (BQ-5)

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Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO  
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On 2/24/84 a spot-check surveillance at 551 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island, New York disclosed the below vehicle parked in the driveway - New York License [redacted]



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Note is made that JOSEPH N. GALLO currently drives a 1978 Caddy, New York License [redacted] registered at above address to [redacted]

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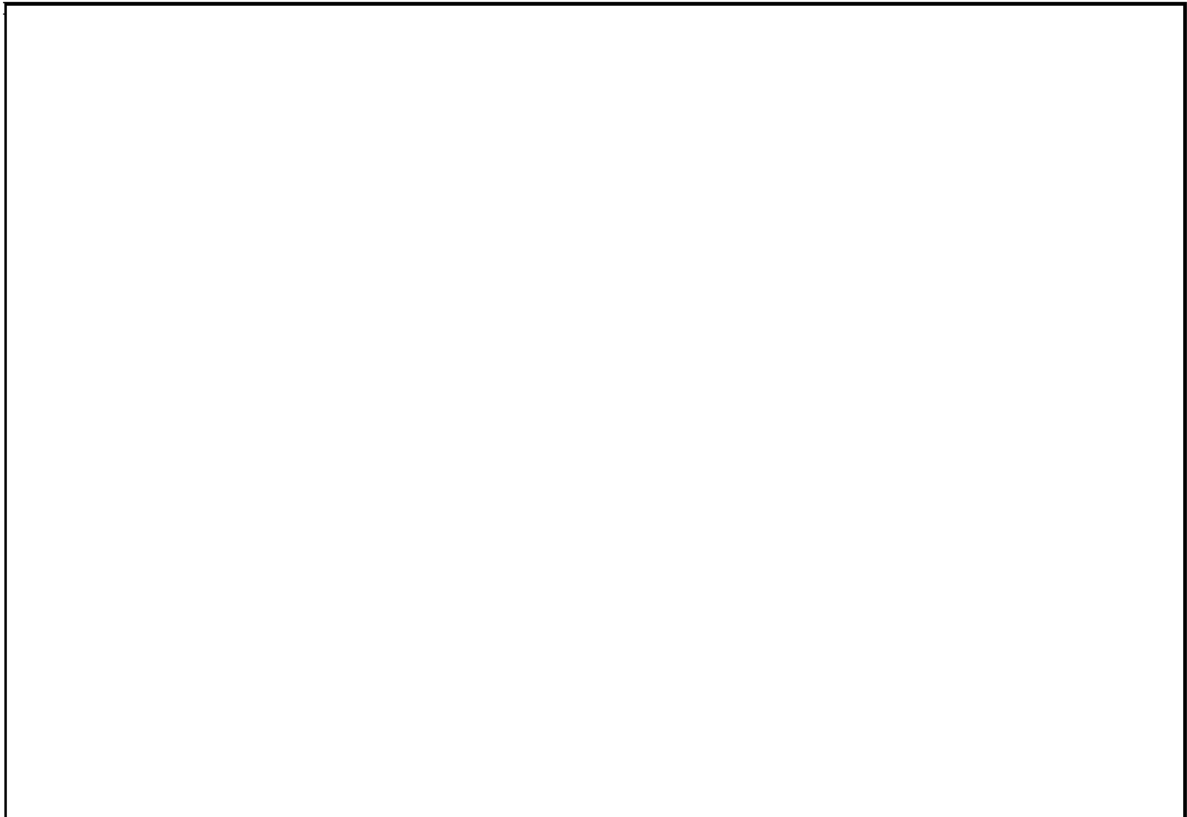
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FROM : SA  (BQ-5)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO  
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At 3:30 a.m. (p.m.), on 3/26/84 the below listed license numbers were observed on vehicles whose occupants entered/exited a luncheonette, corner of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street, Long Island City, Queens, NY.



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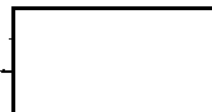
On March 29, 1984 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted]

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO, consigliere, GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family, is extremely worried about being indicted in Florida from a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation. Source stated that GALLO and various members of the GAMBINO Family have "inside" information regarding the federal investigation. Source advised that FLORIDA STRIKE FORCE Attorney [redacted] (phonetic) is handling the investigation.

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On March 29, 1984, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted]

Source advised that TOMMY DI BREZZIE, capo, GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family, and JOE ZINGARO, also a capo, report directly to JOE N. GALLO, consigliere, GAMBINO LCN Family. Source stated that [redacted] from Connecticut is a messenger between GALLO and various capos in the Bronx. Source stated that [redacted] can be reached at telephone [redacted]

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On March 29, 1984 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted]

Source advised that PAUL CASTELLANO [redacted] in numerous garment shops in the Garment District. Source stated that TOMMY GAMBINO controls a majority of the Garment District for the GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family.

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO recently retired from the GREATER BLOUSE ASSOCIATION, but still receives monies.

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To : SAC, NEW HAVEN

Date 4/25/84

From : BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA (183A-2025) (P)

Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO, ET AL;  
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For information of New Haven, JOSEPH N. GALLO, Consigliere GAMBINO LCN Family, is known to utilize [redacted] regarding appointments with Connecticut GAMBINO LCN members as well as for personal transportation to various meetings.

[redacted] Source information recently made available [redacted]  
home telephone number in Connecticut as [redacted]

[redacted] is not known to be a "made" LCN member.

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### NEW HAVEN AT NEW HAVEN

1. Obtain subscriber information re Connecticut telephone number [redacted]
2. Furnish available background information re [redacted] including police record, photo, etc.

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On March 30, 1984, JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in the area of Crescent Street and Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York (NY).

GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA) [ ] from prior meetings and after a short introductory greeting the following conversation ensued:

SA [ ] inquired of GALLO if he had heard about the indictment and arrest of PAUL CASTELLANO on the morning of March 30, 1984.

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GALLO's reaction was one of extreme surprise as he stated that he had not heard of this; the very next words from his mouth were, "was NEIL indicted too?"

SA [ ] informed GALLO that NEIL DELLACROCE had not been included in this indictment, however, another individual possibly known to GALLO who had been arrested was [ ]. GALLO asked SA [ ] to repeat this name and then stated that he was not familiar with it.

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GALLO asked SA [ ] on what charges PAUL CASTELLANO had been arrested, and was informed that among others CASTELLANO was charged with murder. Again GALLO was extremely surprised. He asked what kind of case this was and if this was the result of investigations conducted by SA [ ]. GALLO was informed that this case was a joint Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and NY City Police Department case, and it had nothing to do with SA [ ]. SA [ ] stated, "that will come later."

GALLO then asked whether the ANGELO RUGGIERO trial would commence soon. He also asked if all the government evidence, especially the tapes in this case, had been made available to each of the defendants and their attorneys.

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SA [ ] replied that ANGELO's case should go to trial sometime in the fall of 1984. SA [ ] also informed GALLO that

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By SA [ ] mxm

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to his knowledge all the government evidence including the tapes had been turned over to the various defense attorneys, and that the only real holdup in this matter was the defense request for more time. GALLO seemed quite interested in this last bit of information and requested SA [ ] to repeat it several times during later conversation.

The conversation then changed to the TOMMY AGRO and "Fat Andy" situation. GALLO advised that he had no information whatsoever regarding the whereabouts of either of these individuals. He stated that he was aware that the Miami trial in this case had started, and asked if TOMMY AGRO and "Fat Andy" would be tried in absentia.

SA [ ] replied that this would not be the case. GALLO was informed that the fugitive investigation to apprehend TOMMY AGRO, "Fat Andy," [ ] and [ ] would continue, and that they each would be tried separately when apprehended.

GALLO then asked about an individual arrested in this case just before Christmas 1983, and he recalled this individual as being involved in narcotics activity. GALLO wanted to know if this person, whom he believed had the first name of [ ] had been arrested for a Federal narcotics charge.

GALLO was advised that he was probably referring to [ ] who had been arrested on December 23, 1983, by the FBI in Nassau County. GALLO was informed that [ ] was arrested on Federal charges which did not include charges of narcotics activities. SA [ ] advised GALLO that at the time of his arrest, [ ] was a fugitive from the state of Florida regarding a prior narcotics conviction. GALLO was also informed that [ ] was a very close associate of "Fat Andy."

GALLO then asked SA [ ] directly if TOMMY AGRO had been involved in narcotic activities relative to his

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Florida indictment. He was informed that to the best of SA [ ] knowledge this was not the case.

GALLO also asked about [ ] and if [ ] had started the trial along with the others involved. GALLO seem to have the impression that [ ] had been severed from this trial. SA [ ] informed GALLO that this was not the case.

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GALLO then asked if one of the people currently on trial in Miami was "a Jewish guy?" GALLO could not recall the name of this individual but seemed certain that one of the people involved in this case was of Jewish background.

GALLO stated that he was aware of the recent encounter of SA [ ] and his boss SA [ ] in Florida with PAUL CASTELLANO. GALLO inquired if SAS had been following PAUL for any specific reason.

GALLO was informed that the above encounter was "just a lucky coincidence," and that both SA [ ] and [ ] hoped that they did not ruin any of PAUL CASTELLANO's plans in Florida or cause him any embarrassment. SA [ ] described to GALLO how [ ] had attempted to "duck" down under the dash of the car when he saw both SAS, and GALLO was quite amused at this story.

Conversation then turned to the general topic of GALLO's current health. GALLO informed SA [ ] that both he and his wife had just recently been confined to hospitals, and that neither one of them were feeling very well. GALLO stated that he would like to take a trip in the near future to DUKE UNIVERSITY in North Carolina for a complete physical checkup, however, he did not know whether he would have the time to get away soon.

GALLO advised that because of his poor health he very seldom left the area of his residence. He also advised

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that when he needed to leave for any reason he was driven by either [redacted] as he no longer felt secure behind the wheel of a car.

The above interview lasted from about 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

SA [redacted] and GALLO parted company on very amiable terms.

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On April 5, 1984, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted]  
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Source had no knowledge regarding PAUL CASTELLANO's and JOE N. GALLO's involvement in the stock market.

Source advised that if they were involved they would probably work with [redacted] who is knowledgeable in this area. [redacted] and a friend of his, who is a [redacted] a restaurant on East 58th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue, New York City. The restaurant is doing really bad. This same individual "fronted" for [redacted] at a gambling operation on Stone Street, New York City.

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Source advised that [redacted] (Phonetic) (Ph), [redacted] ELMERS restaurant, owes PAUL CASTELLANO over one million dollars. [redacted] [redacted] OJAN TRUCKING, which does a lot of business with KEY FOODS. [redacted] (Ph), a made GAMBINO member, [redacted] KEY FOOD stores.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (BQ 183-2025)

FROM : SA  (BQ-5)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO  
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DATE: MAY 21 1984

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At 3:30 ~~am.~~ (p.m.), on 5/14/84 the below listed license numbers were observed on vehicles whose occupants entered/exited a luncheonette, corner of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street, Long Island City, Queens, NY.



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On May 2, 1984 [redacted] provided the following  
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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere GAMBINO La  
Costa Nostra (LCN) Family, is now acting boss of the GAMBINO  
Family. Source stated this is due to the current legal problems  
of PAUL CASTELLANO and health problems of NEIL DELLACROCE.

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On April 5, 1984 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted]

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO wants to send a message to [redacted] and GALLO will be sending this message via an associate, who is to see him on April 7, 1984.

Source advised that [redacted] a GAMBINO CAPO, who reports to GALLO, has a social club on Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria. The club is three blocks East of Spiros (Phonetic) (Ph) place the GRECIAN GARDEN RESTAURANT on the opposite side of the street. [redacted] is upset about a problem involving two of his "ZIP" associates, who allegedly got cheated in a deal involving semi-glasses in 1983. The glasses come from Italy and involved RUDY PIPOLO, deceased CAPO GAMBINO LCN Family.

Source advised that GALLO has completely divorced himself from any active involvement in the New York garment industry. GALLO, however, still receives money from his past dealings with the GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION.

Source stated GALLO is still the GAMBINO consiglierie and has full power in the "family" regarding family business.

Source stated that although GALLO's health is not as good as it used to be, a good portion of his "illness" is "show" for the authorities.

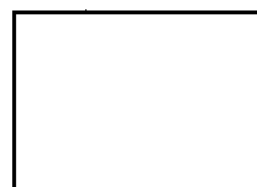
Source advised that GALLO also receives monies from the IMC as he is their "rabbi."



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Source stated that at least ten GAMBINO CAPOS report to GALLO; five of these are:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] from Connecticut
4. [redacted]
5. JOE PINEY (JOSEPH ARMONE)

Source stated that [redacted] is also a made GAMBINO member who reports to GALLO through his father.

Source advised that GALLO is very concerned regarding the Florida case involving TOMMY AGRO. GALLO feels certain that he, along with PINEY ARMONE and [redacted] will be indicted in this case.

Source stated that when GALLO leaves his Astoria area for meetings with other GAMBINO hierarchy he is driven by either [redacted] from Connecticut".

[redacted] lives in Connecticut and his home telephone number is [redacted]. [redacted] arranges all of GALLO's "meets" with guys from the Bronx and Connecticut. [redacted] picks up GALLO in a limosine with Connecticut plates.

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, The Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association of New York, 225 West 34th Street, New York (NY). [redacted] recognized Special Agent (SA [redacted]) from previous meetings and the following conversation ensued:

[redacted] advised that he was now [redacted] as [redacted] had retired about two years ago. [redacted] retired because of poor health and [redacted] last saw him on December 10, 1983 at the 50th anniversary party of the Association.

[redacted] also advised that JOE GALLO had retired as well and [redacted] has not seen GALLO for over two years.

[redacted] stated that he has now been with the Association over 30 years and feels that the Association has contributed greatly to the well being of its members. [redacted] cited, as an example, the fact that the Association is currently very active in the politics of promoting controls and limitations of imported clothing items. [redacted] stated that he has recently attended several meetings in this regard with Senator DAMATO.

[redacted] was asked if he had even found an answer as to why the Association had been listed by NY State Senator Leichter as Organized Crime controlled. [redacted] replied in the negative and stated that in his opinion that accusation had no basis in fact.

[redacted] denied ever having any known involvement with OC elements. He flatly rejected any possibility that NYC OC elements exerted any control or interest in the Association.

[redacted] stated that he knew TOMMY GAMBINO, owner of Consolidated Carriers, NYC, as someone who has extensive interest in the NYC garment industry. He provides trucking for it. [redacted] stated that GAMBINO has an individual named [redacted] who is in charge

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by SA [redacted] dam

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of his work in Chinatown.

[ ] stated that he meets with TOMMY GAMBINO once or twice a week for "breakfast" and that they talk "about the weather" nothing else. He added that TOMMY GAMBINO has no personal interest in the activities of the Association.

[ ] advised, on questioning, that the name PAUL CASTELLANO has no meaning for him. He has never heard the name and never met anyone by that name.

In summation, [ ] stated that the Association is considered to be a very reputable organization in NYC. He flatly denied any suggestion or inference that the Association has any dealings with known OC elements. He also denied adamantly that the Association is now, or ever has been, under any pressure from OC elements regarding its existence and function.

[ ] stated that most of the current employees at the Association are the same as in 1982, only a few people have been added.

SA [ ] and [ ] parted on very amiable terms.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO, was contacted in the area of Crescent Street and Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York (NY).

GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA) [redacted] from prior meetings and after a short introductory greeting the following conversation ensued:

SA [redacted] initially informed GALLO that at their last meeting he may have misled GALLO, when GALLO had inquired as to the current status of the ANGELO RUGGIERO situation. SA [redacted] recalled that GALLO had inquired about the government tapes in this case, and had specifically asked if all the defense attorneys had received individual copies of these tapes.

SA [redacted] stated that he had determined that the tapes had been turned over only to ANGELO and his attorney. It was up to them to make the tapes available to the other defendants.

GALLO expressed surprise at this, and asked if it was not the government responsibility to do this. GALLO also asked if there was truth to the prior statement of SA [redacted] wherein ANGELO was not making these tapes available to the other defendants.

SA [redacted] advised GALLO that he believed this to be the case because of a personal experience. SA [redacted] explained that he had been the arresting Agent of [redacted] regarding the ANGELO situation. SA [redacted] advised GALLO that several weeks ago he again arrested [redacted] on a separate narcotics charge, and had determined from [redacted] that he had not received any of the tapes from ANGELO in the previous case.

[redacted] GALLO expressed extreme interest in knowing who was and where he lived. GALLO was advised that [redacted] lived close to ANGELO in Cedarhurst or Woodmere, Long Island, and that along with [redacted] the second government arrest involved [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted]

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By SA [redacted] nxm

Date Dictated 4/17/84

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GALLO was informed that all three of these individuals were arrested and charged regarding narcotics dealings. GALLO was also advised that he should be familiar with at least "Broadway Philly," as this individual was a close associate of GALLO's friend JOHN GOTTI.

GALLO was further informed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was currently trying to locate [redacted] and [redacted] in connection with their heroin transactions on the behalf of ANGELO RUGGIERO.

GALLO stated that he was very surprised to learn that ANGELO RUGGIERO lived in Cedarhurst or Woodmere, Long Island. He stated that the last he knew, ANGELO had a home in Ozone Park, Queens.

SA [redacted] informed GALLO that ANGELO had "come-up" in the world, and was currently living in a very nice \$350,000.00 home with a swimming pool. GALLO was informed that ANGELO took over his late brother SAL's narcotic business soon after SAL's death, and all indication are that he profited very handsomely from this venture.

Conversation then turned to GALLO's recent appearance before a NY Grand Jury investigating [redacted]

[redacted] GALLO was asked if it was true that [redacted] was a soldier in the GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) family as the newspapers had indicated. GALLO responded by stating that he has known [redacted] ever since he was born. He advised that [redacted] hung around the neighborhood" and stopped by to see GALLO two or three times a week, however, stated, [redacted] "I never sat with the guy."

GALLO went on to advise that his only reason for being involved with [redacted] during the recent

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investigation by District Attorney [redacted] office is because, "he came to me to try and help a friend."

GALLO continued by stating that [redacted] friend ran a KEY FOOD SUPERMARKET, in Astoria and got involved with "shylocks." When this individual, who GALLO does not know, could not repay his loans to the shylocks he went to the police and they in turned "bugged" his office. GALLO advised that [redacted] apparently during one conversation with this person in his office, mentioned GALLO as an individual who might be able to help him. GALLO admitted that he recalled [redacted] coming to him and asking if he "knew anybody in KEY FOODS that could help a friend who was in trouble." GALLO stated that he told [redacted] he could not help this person and that ended the matter as far as GALLO was concerned.

GALLO advised that he had completely forgotten this incident until he was told by [redacted] about this persons office being bugged, and that GALLO would probably receive a subpoena in this matter.

GALLO stated that one of the questions asked of him at this Grand Jury was if he knew [redacted] GALLO replied that he did. GALLO went on to advise SA [redacted] that [redacted] was a longtime acquaintance who owns several KEY FOOD stores.

GALLO advised that he had heard from [redacted] [redacted] that NEIL (DELLACROCE) had been in the hospital recently, and was quite ill. GALLO stated that it is his understanding that NEIL first went to a hospital "on the Island" and then went to SLOAN KETTERING, in NY City. GALLO advised that it is his understanding that NEIL has to go to the hospital three times a week for some kind of treatment. GALLO could not be more specific as to NEIL's particular ailment, but stated that it may have something to do with an old problem with NEIL's stomach, and a prior operation. GALLO added that when NEIL was in jail some years ago he had an operation at BELLEVUE HOSPITAL in NYC.

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GALLO advised that he was going to have [redacted] take him to see NEIL at his house, so that he could visit him and find out his real condition.

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GALLO was then asked what he thought about the recent arrest of PAUL CASTELLANO.

GALLO replied, "I'll tell you [redacted] PAUL will never go to trial on that thing, it's bull shit, nothing but bull shit." "How can you put a guy on the stand that has killed people, and believe him when he points the finger at somebody that wasn't even there."

GALLO noted that [redacted] [redacted] who killed at least 25 people by his own admissions, was able to escape punishment for these crimes just by cooperating with the government.

GALLO then stated, [redacted] that is why we are on different sides of the fence, because its all bull shit, you think that what I tell you is bull shit, and I think that what you tell me is bull shit."

GALLO added, "that's the system and there is nothing that you or I can do about it."

SA [redacted] pointed out to GALLO that it was true that the government in its responsibility to fight crime is often place in a position to use information supplied by known and admitted criminals, this is done of necessity and not because of any personal desire by the Agents working the cases. It is also true that Agents who are working with people supplying valuable information often protect these persons as far as their identity is concerned. This is done for obvious reasons. However, it would be a totally false impression on the part of GALLO if he thought that the

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government, or any individual Agent encouraged or promoted these persons engagement in any illegal activities. This was strictly forbidden.

GALLO then pointed out that in Federal trials Agent are often allowed to take the stand and testify about some information received from a source A, B or C, whose identity is never made known to the accused person, for instance like PAUL in this case. In GALLO's view this was totally wrong and against the constitution.

SA [ ] again pointed out to GALLO that SAS were obliged to protect information received in confidence from any individual who did not want their identity revealed. SA [ ] stated, "for instance if you saw a murder take place and wanted to tell me the identity of the person responsible, yet were afraid to testify and asked for confidentially, I would be bound to either honor your request or refuse to take the information. This would especially be true if you were in danger of being harmed as a result of your identity and cooperation in the matter being made public."

In conclusion SA [ ] and GALLO, discussed GALLO's current health situation and GALLO stated that he may soon take a trip to DUKE UNIVERSITY, in North Carolina to have a complete physical checkup. GALLO stated that his trip now depended on the health of his wife who may have to go to the hospital soon regarding her own condition.

The above interview lasted from 4:05 P.M. until 6:25 P.M.

SA [ ] and GALLO parted company on very amiable terms.

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Date of transcription

5/27/84

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[redacted] GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION, 225 West 34th Street, New York City, was contacted at his place of employment. [redacted] was apprized of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview; he provided the following information.

[redacted] advised that he is still unable to provide an answer as to why his association may be thought of as being under the influence of New York City Organized Crime elements. [redacted] stated that as far as he was concerned, this matter was "a lot of balloney".

[redacted] readily admitted that he has a continuing relationship with THOMAS GAMBINO, owner of CONSOLIDATED CARRIERS, New York City, however, emphatically denied that GAMBINO has any business influence or control of either [redacted] or the Association. [redacted] stated that two or three times a week he met with TOMMY GAMBINO at PICKLES RESTAURANT on 7th Avenue. These meetings were not pre-arranged and were only chance encounters since both men eat lunch there.

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[redacted] advised that many "garment district business men" meet and talk over lunch at PICKLES RESTAURANT.

[redacted] stated that GAMBINO had never asked or inferred that [redacted] and the Association should do anything which may be construed as illegal or immoral in their business transactions. [redacted] was not aware of any such relationship between GAMBINO and [redacted]

[redacted] was fully aware regarding the benefits someone could derive through manipulation of the Association in its dealings with labor related problems.

[redacted] again advised that the name PAUL CASTELLANO had no meaning for him and added "what is he, some kind of bum".

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By SA [redacted]

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[REDACTED] was then displayed photographs of the following individuals:

PAUL CASTELLANO  
THOMAS GAMBINO  
JOE N. GALLO  
THOMAS BILLOTI  
JOSEPH CORRAO  
JOHN GOTTI

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[REDACTED] identified THOMAS GAMBINO and JOE N. GALLO, the others were unknown to him.

[REDACTED] then advised that the current labor relations representatives at the Association are:

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was hired about one and a half years ago to replace JOE N. GALLO. The Association was still looking to hire an additional labor relations representative as the work load was great. [REDACTED] went on to advise that [REDACTED] is suffering from cancer and has not been able to work much. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was a good worker when he did work and displayed to SA [REDACTED] work file which listed six pages of assigned garment manufacturers.

[REDACTED] could not be sure as to when and if [REDACTED] would return to work at the Association. [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] home telephone number as [REDACTED]. There was no additional background information available regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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[redacted] stated that none was required. [redacted] explained that the only requirements asked by him regarding a prospective employee is that the individual be "intelligent" and "have common sense". [redacted] added, as an afterthought, that he hoped that the next representative hired was a "younger" man as [redacted] was tired of "old and sick" workers. [redacted] asked if Special Agent [redacted] could recommend someone for the position.

[redacted] was asked how he happened to hire [redacted] and replied that [redacted] had been recommended by "someone in the industry". [redacted] could not recall specifically who had made the recommendation.

[redacted] was asked if either JOE N. GALLO, THOMAS GAMBINO or [redacted] had made this recommendation and he replied in the negative. [redacted] was positive on this point.

[redacted] was asked if [redacted] was on his neck and [redacted] obviously surprised, replied "yes, how did you know".

[redacted] was then advised that [redacted] was the [redacted] in the above photographs. [redacted] as further advised that [redacted] and all of the other individuals whose photographs were shown above, are suspected members of Organized Crime.

[redacted] stated that he had no prior knowledge of this information and added that even if it were true, it would have no bearing on the Association. He advised that none of the above individuals exert any influence on the business dealings of the Association.

[redacted] on questioning, stated again that he could not recall the individual who had recommended [redacted] for employment at the Association. He would try to recall this information.

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[redacted] could not be specific as to [redacted] pay at the Association, or other details as to dates of employment and background information. [redacted] first advised that the "girl" who is in charge of this information "is not in today" and [redacted] could not obtain the information without her. [redacted] then added that he would need a subpoena to release this type of information from the Association files.

SA [redacted] and [redacted] parted company on very amiable terms.

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[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION, 225 West 34th Street, New York City. [redacted] was apprized of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview; he provided the following information.

[redacted] advised that he was currently employed as the [redacted] at above Association and has been an employee here for over 30 years.

During the years in which [redacted] was a [redacted] he described his duties as a [redacted] regarding any and all labor related problems with which the Association member shops needed help. As such, [redacted] dealt with the INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS (ILGW) union locals 23-25, 62 and 10 in the Greater New York, New Jersey and Connecticut region.

[redacted] on questioning, stated that he kept no personal records regarding his Association duties, none were required and to his knowledge, the Association did not keep such records either.

As a [redacted] [redacted] spent most of the time "in the field" visiting member shops. He would only come to the office once or twice a week. [redacted] stated that he received many of his assignments over the telephone.

[redacted] advised that he was familiar with JOSEPH N. GALLO, a past employee of the Association, and readily identified a photograph of GALLO from one of five displayed to him.

[redacted] stated that he knew GALLO during GALLO's entire employment at the Association. GALLO was hired by [redacted] and subsequent to [redacted] own employment. [redacted] stated that the first president of the Association, and its founder, was JOSEPH SETUBAN (phonetic).

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By SA [redacted] Ah

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[REDACTED] could recall no information which would have led him to believe that GALLO ever acted other than to the best interests of the Association.

[REDACTED] had no social or business dealings with GALLO outside their association employment.

[REDACTED] advised that he was familiar with certain allegations made by New York State Senator LEICHTER, to the effect that the Association was involved with New York Organized Crime elements. [REDACTED] dismissed these allegations as "totally ridiculous", he added, "you know that in the industry this LEICHTER is considered as someone who doesn't know what he is talking about".

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[REDACTED] stated that he had no knowledge whatsoever regarding Organized Crime involvement in the Association. He advised that in his more than 30 years with the Association, he has never had cause to suspect any of the Association's business dealings. He personally has never been approached to engage in any illegal or improper activities through his Association standing.

[REDACTED] stated that he knew both the names THOMAS GAMBINO and PAUL CASTELLANO. He has never met these individuals, only heard their names. [REDACTED] knew GAMBINO as the owner of CONSOLIDATED CARRIERS, INCORPORATED, of New York City, one of New York City's biggest garment carriers.

[REDACTED] knew the name of PAUL CASTELLANO from recent newspaper articles regarding CASTELLANO's arrest by Federal authorities.

[REDACTED] in answer to a question about Organized Crime activity in the New York City garment district, stated "I don't live in a vacuum, I know that things go on, but I don't get involved".

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In conclusion, [REDACTED] advised that he felt certain that the Association had no dealings, direct or indirect, with Organized Crime elements. He felt that he would know this if it were a fact.

[REDACTED] stated that he would be totally cooperative with the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding their investigation in this matter.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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5/8/84

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in the area of his residence 31-85 Crescent Street, Astoria, New York.

GALLO recognized SPECIAL AGENT [ ] from previous meetings and after a short introduction the following conversation ensued.

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SA [ ] asked GALLO regarding the health of NEIL DELLACROCE. GALLO replied that NEIL DELLACROCE was "in real bad shape" and was receiving hospital treatment on a weekly basis. GALLO indicated that DELLACROCE was not expected to live much longer.

SA [ ] then asked GALLO if there was any truth to the rumor that TOMMY AGRO had returned to NEW YORK CITY.

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GALLO was immediately very surprised and taken aback. He stated "No [ ] I can't believe that". GALLO then advised that if this were the case then he would have heard something from [ ]. At least to the effect that "TOMMY A" had been seen or heard from.

GALLO then asked SA [ ] if this question on the part of SA [ ] was based in fact. SA [ ] replied that it was only a rumor at the present time. He further explained that AGRO was allegedly trying to raise some money to finance his fugitive status.

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GALLO again stated that he would be very surprised to hear that AGRO had returned to NYC. He quickly added that he personally would have nothing to do with AGRO, however, would most likely hear of AGRO's return and activities through [ ] or "someone else".

SA [ ] and GALLO parted company on very amiable terms.

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By SA [ ]

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in the area of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street, Astoria, New York. The time was 1:15 PM.

GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA [redacted]) from previous meetings and after a short introduction the following conversation ensued.

[redacted] GALLO was obviously surprised to see SA [redacted] SA [redacted] asked GALLO to sit down for a cup of coffee and GALLO immediately stated that he did not feel good. GALLO then proceeded to take out a small aspirin tin from his pocket and remove a small white pill which he placed in his mouth.

GALLO then advised that he thought that he was having heart problems and was going to go home to lay down. SA [redacted] offered to call an ambulance or drive GALLO to a hospital but GALLO declined.

SA [redacted] then offered to walk GALLO home. During this short walk, GALLO stated that he was supposed to go to the hospital soon for a check up. He was only waiting for word from his doctor.

GALLO was then asked about the condition of NEIL DELLACROCE. GALLO replied that he did not really know of NEIL's condition as he had not been to visit him. GALLO stated that he had only recently heard from JOHN GOTTI that NEIL was "in real bad shape", had "lost a lot of weight" and was receiving treatments "three times a week."

GALLO stated that because he himself had not been feeling well, he had not been able to visit or talk to much.

Interviewed on 5/23/84 at Queens, New York

File # BQ 183A-2025 - 322

By SA [redacted] taf

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GALLO advised that he had not heard anything regarding either ANTHONY RUGGIANO or THOMAS AGRO. GALLO was then advised that the trial of JOSEPH GUAGLIANO would start in a few weeks and that some of the tapes from the ANGELO RUGGIERO case would be used. SA [ ] invited GALLO to attend this trial and offered transportation.

GALLO asked about the RUGGIERO trial and was informed that it would also start soon however, due to the many defendants, there had been some delays.

GALLO declined SA [ ] offer of a "ride to the trial."

SA [ ] and GALLO parted company at the entrance to GALLO's residence, 31-85 Crecent Street. The time was 1:28 PM.

At 1:31 PM. SA [ ] observed [ ] driving a late model Oldsmobile, NY license [ ] pull to the curb of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street. [ ] talked briefly to [ ] and then departed the area without exiting his vehicle.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in the area of Crescent Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. The time was 6:30 PM.

GALLO recognized Special Agent, (SA) [redacted] from previous meetings and immediately displayed a surprised and rather annoyed demeanor.

GALLO asked why SA [redacted] was approaching him in public so often and stated that he would rather that SA [redacted] not talk to him. GALLO explained that it upset him to see SA [redacted] as he thought that SA [redacted] was there to arrest him. GALLO further advised that it embarrassed him to be seen with SA [redacted] as all his friends and neighbors immediately assumed that GALLO was in some sort of trouble. GALLO stated that the other day, when SA [redacted] had walked him to the door, someone had told his wife about it later and she became very upset.

SA [redacted] advised that it hurt him to know that GALLO was embarrassed to be seen in public with him. SA [redacted] stated that GALLO should be proud to be seen with an Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agent, as it should improve his image, not diminish it, especially if what GALLO had maintained all along about his innocence of any wrong doing was true.

GALLO then stated "I know that you are going to arrest me so please if you want to do that or serve me with a subpoena, do it, but don't come and talk to me any more."

GALLO was asked why he was so certain that he was going to be arrested and his only reply was a short laugh.

GALLO advised that he respected SA [redacted] and wanted to remain his friend. He was aware that SA [redacted] had a job to do and did not mind if SA [redacted] was in the neighborhood to observe and photograph GALLO. GALLO just did not want to be embarrassed by the idle talk of the people that saw him meeting with SA [redacted]

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GALLO then added, "I don't have anything to tell you or talk to you about, I don't know anybody and I don't see anybody, and I don't want to hear anything from you because I have no interest in what you are doing."

SA [ ] then stated that his only reason for stopping by to see GALLO was to see if he was all right. SA [ ] recalled that at their last meeting, GALLO had seemed quite ill and SA [ ] was concerned for GALLO.

GALLO immediately stated, "No you didn't, you just wanted to see if I was going to get dressed up and go out tonight, you know that this is the first time in six months that I have been out this late?" "You know that I only see a girl once or twice a month and the rest of the time I'm right here at home."

SA [ ] again assured GALLO that the only reason for his stopping was because he had seen GALLO out, as he was driving by, and wanted to find out if GALLO had recovered from his illness.

GALLO stated that he was a sick man and was going to check into the hospital soon. He then proceeded to take a pill from a small aspirin tin and stated, "See, I'm feeling bad again because you get me very excited."

GALLO was asked about the health of NEIL DELLACROCE and he replied that NEIL was doing very poorly and did not want to see anybody. GALLO felt that NEIL was very depressed and his illness was getting worse not better.

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GALLO was then advised that SA [ ] had wanted to tell him about the arrest of a close associate of GALLO's but now assumed that GALLO was not interested. GALLO stated, "a close associate of mine, you are telling me that this is a close associate of mine? "Who is it?"

SA [ ] asked if GALLO now wanted to know and GALLO said, "You said it, I didn't, who was it?"

SA [ ] replied that FAT ANDY had been arrested.

GALLO acted surprised, however, this did not appear genuine.

GALLO then said, "I didn't want to hear about it."

GALLO again advised that he had all the respect and friendship possible for SA [ ] however, he could not continue talking to him.

SA [ ] asked if GALLO knew how to reach SA [ ] if the need ever arose and GALLO replied, "I'll never need you, no matter what happens, I'll never need you."

SA [ ] and GALLO parted company at 7:05 PM.

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DATE: 11/20/81

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (183A-1171) (ARA)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (183A-2626) (M-6) (RUC)

SUBJECT: OC INFILTRATION INTO THE GARMENT  
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA,  
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RePHairtel to New York, dated 10/2/81 and NYtel to  
Philadelphia, dated 10/29/81.

Enclosed for Philadelphia is [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 11/2/81.

The enclosed [redacted] was obtained pursuant to a  
Federal Grand Jury subpoena in a matter currently under  
investigation by the NYO. In lieu of the [redacted]  
requested by referenced airtel the enclosed [redacted] is  
submitted.

The following information was obtained from files  
referenced in NYO indices re Kips (Kipps) Bay Manufacturing  
Company, Inc., 1151 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York,  
telephone number (212) 377-1950:

New York file 92-2596 titled "SALVATORE AURELLO, aka  
Salvatore Avarello, Little Toddo, AR" showed the following  
information collected in 1974, 1975 and updated in 1980 regarding  
Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc.

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The company was incorporated in New York State on 2/6/69 by [redacted] New York City through [redacted] New York, New York.

[redacted] is [redacted] New York. Additionally the following [redacted] was identified, [redacted] position not specified. Business checking account number [redacted] opened 2/14/72 and maintained at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 4323 13th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Physical surveillance conducted in 1974 and 1975 of JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere, GAMBINO LCN Family and AURELLO, CAPO, GAMBINO LCN Family showed frequent meetings at 1151 McDonald Avenue. The 1975 New York City Telephone Directory showed telephone listings for Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc. at both 1151 McDonald Avenue and 1669 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Records checks confirmed AURELLO's ownership of LU-T sportswear, 1669 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, New York since 1959. LU-T sportswear was destroyed by a fire in 1979. Current building occupant Fling Manufacturing Company, telephone number 236-3033 first telephone listing 5/24/79. No connection to date has been established between Fling Manufacturing Company and AURELLO or other known LCN members.

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Informant information alleged Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc. was utilized as "a meet and drop" location for stolen (hijacked) truck merchandise (swag). Additionally, AURELLO was alleged to operate illegal aliens at Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc.

[redacted] and [redacted] are [redacted] and [redacted] respectively of the below listed companies:

1. Pee Gee Holding Company, 1151 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (same address as Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc.).

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Incorporated in New York State on 10/19/71 by the same persons as previously set forth for Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc. Pee Gee Holding Company maintains a business checking account number 247 1 020342 opened on 1/1/72 at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 4323 18th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Pee Gee Holding Company owns the property located at 1668 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (AURELLO's LU-T sportswear company) purchased in December, 1971 from Pude Realty Corporation, 2067 Broadway, New York, New York and assumed a \$13,000 mortgage from Flatbush Federal Savings and Loan, Brooklyn, New York. The first mortgage check received by Flatbush Federal Savings and Loan for the above property was from AG-LU Realty Corporation, 1151 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; telephone number 377-1717 (this telephone number is identical to Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc.).

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2. AG-LU Realty Corporation, 1151 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (same address as Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc.).

Incorporated in New York State on 10/23/67 and dissolved 12/15/72. The company listed the following additional officer as [redacted]. The company maintained a business checking account number [redacted] opened on 3/26/69 at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 4323 18th Street, Brooklyn, New York. On 10/23/69 a \$30,000 mortgage was obtained from Jacoby Factors, Inc. and collateral pledged against the mortgaged value was AG-LU Realty, AG-LU Fashions, Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc., and Kips Bay Cutting, Inc.

3. AG-LU Fashions, 2711 Marway Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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Incorporated in New York State 2/24/65 by the same attorney as Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc. The incorporater was listed as [redacted] In addition to the above described company officers the following person was listed as [redacted]

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The company maintained a business checking account number [redacted] opened 11/8/68 at Chase Manhattan Bank, 4323 12th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Physical surveillance conducted at 1670 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, New York in 1975 showed a window sign "AG-LU Fashions Headquarters" [redacted] business LU-T sportswear located at 1668 Bath Avenue).

A December, 1974 interview of [redacted] Jacoby Factors, Inc., 777 6th Avenue, New York, New York advised he had loaned money to [redacted] for ten years and [redacted] suddenly stopped applying for loans in mid 1971. [redacted] loans were always for real estate or garment industry investment.

In June, 1974 G. and D. Dress Company opened at 1670 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, New York [redacted] New York, DOB [redacted] an associate of [redacted] was arrested on 2/4/72 by New York City Police Department for possession of untaxed cigarettes.

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In May, 1973 an informant alleged 1670 Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, New York was used by [redacted] to make sportswear with non-union labor.

A June, 1975 interview of [redacted] showed the following:

He alleged his only relationship with [redacted] was that of [redacted] [redacted] advised it was common knowledge [redacted] was a hoodlum. [redacted] stopped doing business with Jacoby Factors because he had established a line of credit with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank. The initials abbreviated AG-LU was an abbreviation for [redacted]

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New York file 92-7361 titled "WHELLAN COAT COMPANY, INC., AG" showed the following information collected in June and July, 1974 re Kips Bay, Inc.:

The Whellan Coat Company had been experiencing a difficulty with the International Lady Garment Workers Union re their use of L. and C. Novelty (a non-union company) to cut their coats. [redacted] worked out a deal whereby Kips Bay, Inc. (a union shop), 330 or 33 West 39th Street, New York, New York [redacted] would bill Whellan Coat Company for work accomplished by L. and C. Novelty. Kips Bay, Inc. would, upon receipt of payment from Whellan, pay L. and C. Novelty by check for the work performed. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] his backer was [redacted] under boss, GENOVESE (CN Family) and [redacted] company was selected because of [redacted] close friendship with [redacted] Local Number 10, International Lady Garment Workers Union. [redacted] permission would be necessary to complete the deal. The file indicates [redacted] rejected the deal, no reason or rationale was given or set forth.

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For the information of Philadelphia, the Whellan Coat Company was a front operated by the FBI for an undercover operation conducted within the New York City Garment District in 1974 and 1975 with the cooperation of the Whellan Coat Company owner.

A current edition of the New York City Telephone Directory and Coles City Directory was searched for the following companies with negative results:

1. Pee Gee Holding Company
2. AG-LU Realty
3. LU-T Sportswear

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The above records showed the following information re the companies listed:

1. Kips Bay Manufacturing Company, Inc., 1151 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone numbers 377-9900, 377-1717, 377-1950.

2. AG-LU Fashions, Inc., (A) 2711 Marway Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 372-9515. Additionally the following persons showed residence at this building:

[redacted] telephone number [redacted] since 1975. [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] since 1973. [redacted] telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] since 1970. (B) [redacted] New York,  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] The additional person was listed as  
occupying these premises: [redacted] telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] since 1975.

The following company may/may not be identical with AG-LU Realty:

1. LU-RAL Realty Corporation, 52 Irving Place, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number 783-1537.

The following description and background information re [redacted] was obtained from file review:

Name:  
Aliases:

Race:  
Sex:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
DOB:

[redacted] verified, Kings County, New York, Birth Certificate Number [redacted]

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POB:

2071 West 8th Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York

Residences:

(1981)

New York,

telephone number

(1981)

Pompano Beach,

Florida, telephone number

(1969)

New York

(1968)

New York

(1962)

New York

(1956)

New York

(1937)

New York

SSAN:

FBI Number:

New York City Police

Department Number:

NYSID Number:

Driver's License Number:

Vehicle:

(chauffeur's license)

1975 Chevrolet two-door

Sedan, grey

License:

Nationality:

American

Citizenship:

United States of America

Occupation:

Employment:

Unknown

LCN Family:

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LCN Position:

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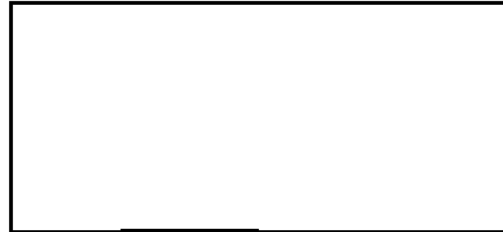
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LCN Associates:

Father:  
DOB:  
Mother:  
DOB:  
Marital Status:  
Wife:  
DOB:  
Sex:  
Race:  
Height:  
Eyes:  
Address:  
  
Son:  
aliases:  
  
Sex:  
Race:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
DOB:  
  
POB:  
  
Marital Status:  
Son's current address:



FRANK  
1907, Italy

LOUISE  
1909, Italy

Married



(1975)

New York



verified, Kings  
County, New York, Birth  
Certificate Number  
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Brooklyn, New York

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e, New York

New address:

New York

Employment:

Baglenosh, Staten

Island New York

SSAN:

NYSID Number:

Vehicles

Registration Expiration

Description

September, 1981

1980 Oldsmobile  
two-door Sedan, brown,  
license number

May, 1981

1974 Oldsmobile Sedan,  
white over blue,  
license

December, 1980

1968 Chrysler four-door  
Sedan, gold, license

December, 1978

1973 Buick two-door  
Sedan, grey, license

November, 1978

1964 Pontiac Sedan,  
blue, license

October, 1978

1969 Chevrolet two-door  
Sedan, yellow, license

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April, 1978

1972 GMC Van, red,  
license [redacted]

June, 1977

1971 Cadillac two-door  
Sedan, white, license  
[redacted]

August, 1976

1976 Oldsmobile  
two-door Sedan, blue,  
license [redacted]

Miscellaneous

July, 1984

(Boat) 1981 pleasure King  
Cruiser, Registered July  
3, 1981 number

[redacted] NY plate  
number [redacted]

Relatives

Cousin

Name:

Alias:

Race:

Sex:

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

DOB:

POB:

Address:



5/12/42. (verified Kings  
County, Birth Certificate  
Number [redacted])

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FBI Number:  
SSAN:  
NYSTD Number:  
NYCPD Number:  
LCN Family:  
LCN Position:  
Criminal activity:  
Marital status:  
Wife:

DOB:

DOB:

DOB:

Cousin

Name:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
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DOB:  
POB:  
FBI Number:  
Address:

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Associate (non-member)  
International Drug Traffic  
Married

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Married 5/9/60

(1991)

Brooklyn, New York.

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Cousin

Name:

Alias:

Race:

Sex:

Height:

DOB:

POB:

FBI Number:

NYSID Number:

NYPD Number:

LCN Family:

LCN Position:

Criminal activity:

Brother:



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Associate (non-member)

International Drug Traffic



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Investigation conducted at New Haven, Connecticut,  
by IA [redacted] on May 11, 1984, determined subscriber  
in the following telephone number:

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[redacted]

SUBSCRIBER

Non-published

[redacted]

Milford, Connecticut

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA (183A-2025)

Date 7/26/84

From : SAC, NEW HAVEN (183A-567) (RUC)

Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO,  
ET AL;  
RICO (A)  
OO:BQ

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ReBQlet to NH, 4/25/84.

Enclosed for BQ are the original and one copy of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by IA [redacted] on 5/11/84. Also enclosed for BQ is a photo of [redacted], date of photo is unknown.

For info of BQ, telephone number [redacted] is a non-published telephone subscribed to by [redacted] CT. Records of the CT DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES show [redacted] has valid driver's license [redacted] which expires 5/87. Address listed as [redacted] CT, and [redacted] is described as a [redacted] DOB [redacted] standing [redacted] Last known vehicle registered to [redacted] was a 1976 Ford Granada, 4-dr., color green, CT plate [redacted]. Registration expired 8/83.

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NH has learned that [redacted] is currently living with [redacted] at [redacted] CT, and is currently operating a 1981 Chevrolet, color brown. NH registration [redacted] which is registered to [redacted] at [redacted] CT.

The following descriptive and background info pertains to [redacted]

Name:  
Alias:  
Race:

[redacted]

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1 - New Haven  
WPD/kak  
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per Supr [redacted]  
[redacted] is a Gambino Associate  
reporting to [redacted] Not a member.

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Sex: [REDACTED]  
DOB: [REDACTED]  
Last Known Address: [REDACTED]

Height: [REDACTED]  
Weight: [REDACTED]  
Hair: [REDACTED]  
Eyes: [REDACTED]  
FBI #: [REDACTED]  
CT State Bureau  
of Ident.: [REDACTED]  
CT Driver's  
License #: [REDACTED]

CT

expires 7/87

CT DMV shows the following vehicles have been  
registered to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CT:

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1973 Ford Maverick, 2-dr. sedan, color blue,  
CT license plate [REDACTED] expires 8/84

1977 Buick Riviera, 2-dr. sedan, color brown,  
CT license plate [REDACTED] expires 8/84.

1975 Buick Riviera, hard top, color blue,  
CT license plate [REDACTED] expires 8/84.

1978 Ford Cougar, 2-dr. sedan, color black,  
CT license plate [REDACTED] expired 8/83.

CT STATE BUREAU OF IDENT. records reflect the  
following criminal arrest record for [REDACTED]  
DOB [REDACTED]

<u>Submitting Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
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On May 11, 1984, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [PROTECT IDENTITY] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CT,

furnished [REDACTED] info concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This info cannot be made public except upon the  
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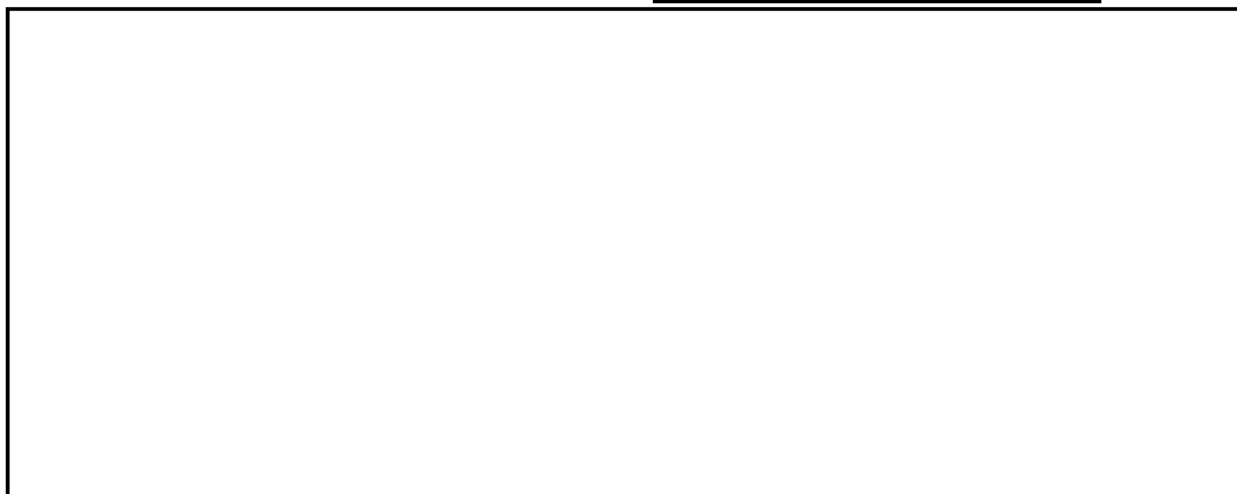
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OCIS. NHO indices were negative re [REDACTED] as was

On July 5, 1984 [redacted] furnished the following  
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On July 16, 1984, [redacted] furnished the following  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 7/12/84

[redacted] was contacted in the presence of JOSEPH N. GALLO, in front of GALLO's residence, 31-85 Crescent Street, Astoria, New York.

[redacted] was apprized of the identity of the Special Agent [redacted] and of the fact that an arrest warrant had been issued for the arrest of [redacted] was then placed under arrest by Special Agent [redacted] and removed to the rear seat of Special Agent [redacted] vehicle. [redacted] was in possession of a wallet and a set of keys. The time was 2:05 PM.

JOSEPH N. GALLO, who was familiar with Special Agent [redacted] from previous contacts, was allowed to sit next to [redacted] awaiting assistance to seize [redacted] vehicle, a 1983 Oldsmobile, New York license [redacted]

[redacted] was orally advised of his constitutional rights in the presence of JOSEPH N. GALLO. [redacted] asked, and was informed, that he was ordered arrested on charges of RICO, racketeering activity, and that the warrant had been issued by the Southern District of New York (SDNY).

GALLO then attempted to explain to [redacted] the meaning of a RICO charge. GALLO also informed [redacted] that he would attempt to contact a lawyer and a bail bondsman to assist [redacted]

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At 2:18 PM, Special Agent [redacted] arrived in the area for assistance.

[redacted] consented to have his vehicle searched and this was done in the presence of JOSEPH N. GALLO. The vehicle was then released to GALLO who stated that he would make sure that [redacted] would receive the vehicle that day. GALLO was given [redacted] registration for the vehicle, in the name of J AND J MEAT SUPPLY COMPANY, 401 E 80th Street, Manhattan.

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by SA [redacted]

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attached. A xerox copy of the contents of [redacted] wallet is

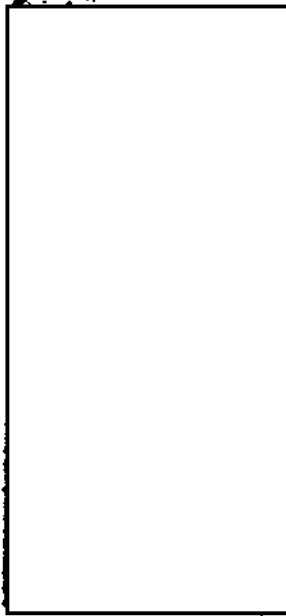
The following descriptive data was obtained of [redacted] through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Alias	[redacted]
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	Italy
Sex	[redacted]
Race	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	[redacted]
Scars/Marks/tattoos	[redacted]
Drivers License	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
Telephone	None
Employment (present)	J AND J MEAT SUPPLIES
Address	[redacted]
	[redacted] New York
Telephone	[redacted]
Employment (past)	[redacted]
Address	900 7th Avenue, New York City
Wife	[redacted]
Children	One Girl [redacted]
Vehicles	[redacted] Blue Olds 1983
License state	New York
Model	Olds cutlass
Color	Blue
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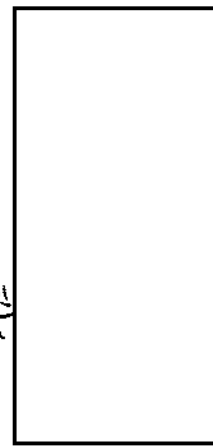
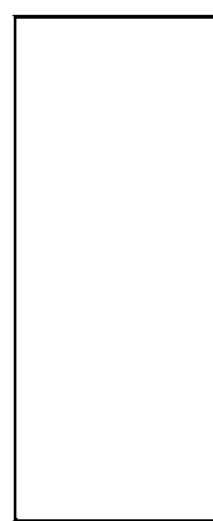
[redacted] advised that he would make no further comments to Special Agents without his lawyer.

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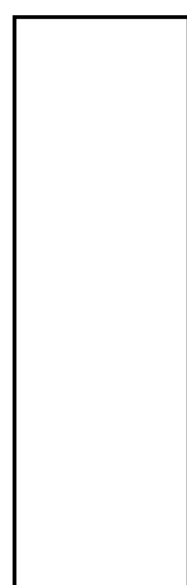


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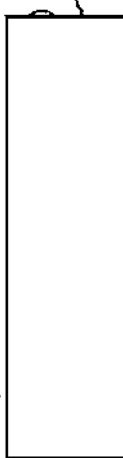
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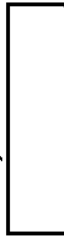
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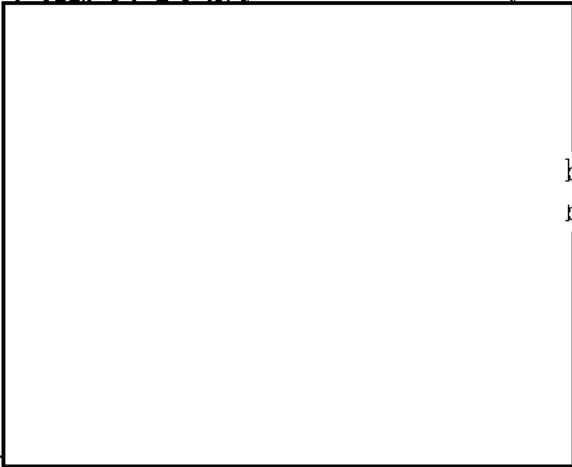
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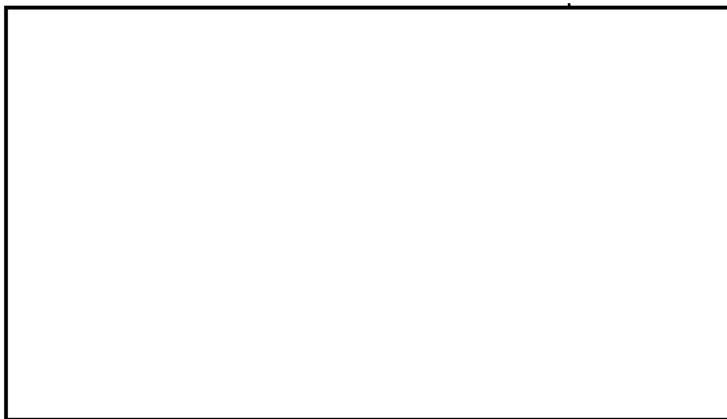
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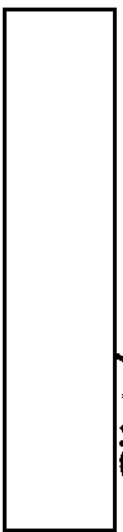
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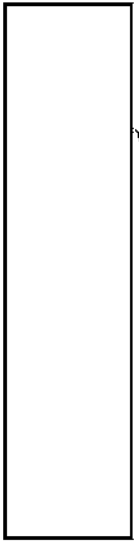
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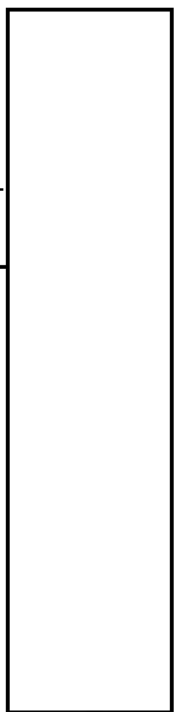
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On July 10, 1984 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]  
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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO sent a message to JOE ZINGARO, Capo GAMBINO LCN Family, to be in attendance at a meeting that will take place on Sunday, July 15, 1984. Source stated that NEAL DELLACROCE and other GAMBINO members will also be present. Source advised that the meeting will be on Staten Island, NY near DELLACROCE's residence, between 7:30 and 8:00 PM.

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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO is now acting boss of the GAMBINO Family. Source stated that PAUL CASTELLANO is still in charge but GALLO is handling the day to day activities because of CASTELLANO's indictment.

Source stated that GALLO is having meetings with various members at 2:00 AM-3:00 AM on Sunday mornings and is being driven by [redacted]

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On July 10, 1984, above furnished to Supervisor  
[redacted]

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[redacted]

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On August 12, 1984, [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

PAUL CASTELLANO met with GAMBINO Capo JOHN GOTTI at CASTELLANO's residence on Sunday, August 12, 1984. They have a subsequent meeting planned for Tuesday evening, August 14, 1984 at 6:30 p.m. Source believes that GAMBINO Underboss NEIL DELLACROCE and Cinsigliere JOE N. GALLO also plan to attend the August 14th meeting, although source did not know where that meeting is to take place. He believes it may be held in a Manhattan restaurant.

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ROUTINE  
BROOKLYN-QUEENS (183A-2025) (P) (BQ-5)  
ROUTINE  
DIRECTOR, FBI ()  
(ATTN: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION)  
BT  
UNCLAS EFTO [REDACTED]

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO (A); (OO:BQ)

RE BROOKLYN-QUEENS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED AUGUST 19, 1983  
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO BROOKLYN-QUEENS DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1983.

SUBJECT IS CURRENT CONSIGLIERE OF NEW YORK CITY GAMBINO LCN  
FAMILY AND ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL LCN FIGURES IN THE UNITED

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INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUBJECT AND HIS HIGH RANKING LCN ASSOCIATES CONTINUES TO DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF DISCREET SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE, OFTEN IMPLEMENTED AT THE LAST MOMENT UPON SOURCE COVERAGE.

RECENT BQ-5 SQUAD CASE ACTIVITIES HAVE PROVEN THAT A VAN TYPE VEHICLE PROVIDES THE OPTIMUM INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS IN PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEILLANCE, AND TO SOME EXTENT, PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF TOP ECHELON MEMBERS OF BOTH THE GAMBINO LCN FAMILY AND OTHER LCN FAMILIES AS WELL.

IN ADDITION TO CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION, BQ-5 IS CURRENTLY MOVING TOWARD PROSECUTION IN [REDACTED] RICO (A), (OO:BQ), BQ-183A-2139, WHICH IN LARGE PART DEALS WITH GAMBINO INFLUENCE AND CONTROL OVER THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NEW YORK CITY. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF A MEETING, BETWEEN TWO HIGH RANKING GAMBINO MEMBERS, THE HEAD OF A MAJOR CONSTRUCTION UNION AND THE HEAD OF A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF A VAN. FURTHER SURVEILLANCE IS ANTICIPATED IN THIS

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INVESTIGATION, WHERE IN A VAN WOULD PROVE INVALUABLE.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO VANS AVAILABLE IN THE NEW YORK OFFICE TO SUPPORT BQ-5 OPERATIONS, PREVIOUS AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED UNDER REFERENCED TELETYPES.

TO FACILITATE BQ-5'S ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO APPROVE RENTAL OF A VAN TYPE VEHICLE UNDER CAPTIONED CASE FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS.



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JOSEPH N. GAILLO; ET AL; PICO (A); (CO-10)

RE BROOKLYN-OUTFIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED AUGUST 10, 1984  
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO BROOKLYN-OUTFIS DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1984.

SUBJECT IS CURRENT TO [REDACTED] OF NEW YORK CITY AND [REDACTED]  
FAMILY AND ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] OF  
STATES.

INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUBJECT AND HIS HIGH RANKING

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ASSOCIATES CONTINUES TO DELIVER TO A LARGE EXTENT ON MAXIMUM  
UTILIZATION OF DISCREET SURVEILLANCE CONTRACT, WITH INVESTIGATION OF  
THE LAST MOMENT UPON SOURCE CONTRACT.

PACENT 10-6 SOURCE CASE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST  
WHICH PROVIDE THE OPTIMUM INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEILLANCE, AND TO SOME EXTENT, PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
OF TOP ECHelon MEMBERS OF PETA SET CAMPING IN FAMILY AND OTHER IN  
FAMILIES AS WELL.

IN ADDITION TO DISCREET INVESTIGATION, SOURCE CASES ARE  
MOVING TO PROSECUTION IN [REDACTED] FILE ( ), (CC: ).  
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CONTROL OVER THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NEW YORK CITY.  
PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF A MEETING, BETWEEN TWO HIGH RANKING CAMPING  
MEMBERS, IN HEAD OF A MAJOR CONSTRUCTION UNION AND THE HEAD OF A  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS A RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION  
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INVESTIGATION, WHICH IN A WAY WOULD BECOME INVESTIGATION.

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I AM NOT CURRENTLY AWARE OF ANY INFORMATION THAT THE FBI OFFICE IS  
SUPPORTING EO-5 OPERATIONS, PREVIOUS AUTHORITY HAS GRANTED WITH  
REFERENCE TO EGYPT.

TO FACILITATE EO-5'S ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS, BUREAU IS  
REQUESTING TO APPROVE REVIEW OF A CASE FILED WITHIN THE BUREAU  
CASE FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS.

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[redacted] On 7/6 & 31/84, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] of the following:

JOHN GOTTI, JOE N. GALLO, and NEIL DELLACROCE are meeting two or three days a week at the RAVENITE CLUB on Mulberry Street, New York City, the contents of these discussions are unknown however the source is of the belief that among other subjects the possibility of a Rat in the Family or a Family associate is of concern to the Family.

The source advised that a [redacted] of LOGAN BUS COMPANY on Atlantic Avenue between 99th and 100th Streets may be a government source. If [redacted] is not a source he certainly is prone to cooperate as he has repeatedly stated he would not take a fall for anyone. JOHN GOTTI and ANGELO RUGGIERO however are somewhat protecting [redacted] as they feel he may be in a position to offer favorable testimony in RUGGIERO's upcoming RICO/Narcotics trial.

[redacted] is known as a [redacted]  
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[redacted] lives in [redacted] Queens [redacted]  
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JOE MESSINA a past fugitive turned himself in to authorities on a homicide charge as he is sure he will beat the charge because others arrested have been acquitted or either convictions overturned. MESSINA is frequenting the BERGEN CLUB daily as well as diners on Wednesday evenings. MESSINA is always with his brother-in-law SAL.

PAUL CASTELLANO is still running the Family but NEIL is getting more active.

The source does not know who is taking the place of JOHN RICCOBONO, deceased Capo of the GAMBINO LCN Family.

[redacted] is having trouble over subpoenas, etc. on a case he has pending with the FAT ANDY RUGGIANO situation and he and [redacted] are consulting with JOHN GOTTI over this problem.

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[redacted] a trucking outfit with trailers and tractors on Alabama Avenue between Atlantic and Liberty Avenues and he has a cash flow problem. He has gone to [redacted] and [redacted] for cash and he also might be transporting swag for GOTTI in these trucks.

[redacted] is GENE GOTTI's [redacted] and he has approached GENE and JOHN GOTTI for a job. [redacted] to the best of source's knowledge, is a straight guy who has done time in the past in Elmira.

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On July 10, 1984, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]  
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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO sent a message to [redacted] Capo GAMBINO LCN Family, to be in attendance at a meeting that will take place on Sunday, July 15, 1984. Source stated that NEAL DELLACROCE and other GAMBINO members will also be present. Source advised that the meeting will be on Staten Island, NY near DELLACROCE's residence, between 7:30 and 8:00 PM.

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO is now acting boss of the GAMBINO Family. Source stated that PAUL CASTELLANO is still in charge but GALLO is handling the day to day activities because of CASTELLANO's indictment.

Source stated that GALLO is having meetings with various members at 2:00 AM-3:00 AM on Sunday mornings and is being driven by [redacted]

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On July 10, 1984, above furnished to Supervisor  
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JOSEPH N. GALIC; ET AL; RICC; CC: EQ

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BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO EXTEND THE RENTAL OF CAR SURVEILLANCE VAN UNTIL 11-02-84 CONTINGENT UPON THE FBI'S APPROPRIATED [REDACTED] BEING AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS.

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EQ SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE VEHICLE IS RENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES, SECTION 6-6.13 PAGE 436. THE VEHICLE, ASSIGNED BUREAU CAR NUMBER 29-3292 IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY TO BUREAU OWNED VEHICLES. SINCE VEHICLE IS TO BE RENTED USING A CREDIT LEASE, FUNDS FOR THE LEASE OF THE VEHICLE SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM

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THE FIELD SUPPORT ACCOUNT. CASE AGENT SHOULD INSURE THAT ALL  
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL OF VEHICLE ARE REPORTED TO THE  
NY AUTOMOTIVE CLERK. UPON TERMINATION OF THIS LEASE AGREEMENT  
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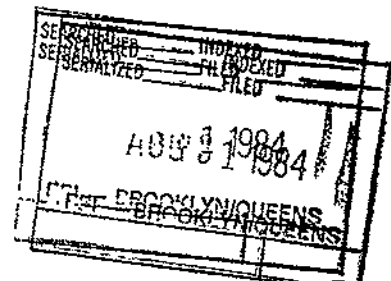
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INVESTIGATION RECAPING SUBJECT AND HIS HIGH RANKING LCN

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REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO BROOKLYN-QUEEN'S GRANTED AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE RENTAL OF ONE SURVEILLANCE VAN UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1974.

THE CURRENT CASE FUND OF CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN DEPLETED TO A BALANCE OF [REDACTED] RENTAL EXPENSE FOR A VAN TYPE VEHICLE, EXCLUSIVE OF GASOLINE COSTS, ARE [REDACTED] PER MONTH.

TO FACILITATE PQ-5'S ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS BY MEANS OF A VAN RENTAL, AS AUTHORIZED IN REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE REPLENISHMENT OF CAPTIONED CASE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF AN ADDITIONAL [REDACTED]

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REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO BROOKLYN-QUEENS GRANTED AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE RENTAL OF ONE SURVEILLANCE VAN UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1984.

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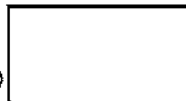
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To : BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA  
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Date 9/25/84

From : SUPV. [REDACTED]

Subject : JOSEPH N. GALLO  
RICO(A)  
(OO:BQ)

On 9/25/84, SA [REDACTED] queried [REDACTED]  
regarding [REDACTED]

The source advised that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] in the New York area and, although not a "made" guy, he is very close to JOE N. GALLO. He often frequents GALLO's social club in Astoria. [REDACTED] drives a late model white Cadillac Seville and has a home telephone number of [REDACTED]

A check of [REDACTED] reveals that the above number is listed to [REDACTED] New York.

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On September 17, 1984, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted], the old La Costa Nostra (LCN) Capo who has a club at 38 Street and Ditmas Boulevard, Queens, has given a piece of the card game there to [redacted] (ph).

[redacted] holds meetings in the rooms in back of the club off a main corridor. There are about six rooms back there.

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On 9/25/84, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] is a close associate of JOE N. GALLO, GAMBINO LCN Family. Source stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] from Long Island, New York. Source stated that [redacted] is also associated with [redacted] member LUCHESE LCN Family. Source advised that [redacted] drives a late model Cadillac Seville and can be reached at telephone [redacted]

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Rico Cafe. Broadway Ave.

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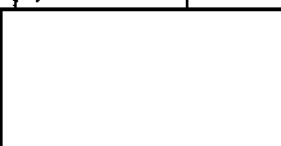
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Provost Marshal General Army	Joseph Nicholas Gallo	appli- cant finger- printed August 18, 1941		
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence United States Army	Joseph N. Gallo #8883	appli- cant finger- printed January 12, 1942		
Commandant Third Naval District	Joseph Gallo #NA-68/2924	appli- cant finger- printed May 14, 1942		
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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in the area of Crescent Street and Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York (NY). GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA) [redacted] from previous contacts and the following conversation ensued:

GALLO informed SA [redacted] that he had just recently been released from the hospital, having spent 11 days for observation regarding his deteriorating health.

GALLO had learned from [redacted] about the arrest of THOMAS AGRO in Canada. GALLO recalled that [redacted] came to visit him in the hospital on a Saturday evening and told him about AGRO's arrest.

GALLO stated that he doubted that AGRO would last long enough to go to trial as his mental condition would probably get much worse now. He added, "You know he suffers from depression."

GALLO expressed surprise to learn that ANTHONY RUGGIANO and THOMAS AGRO were involved in the same Federal case in Florida. GALLO also stated that the investigation concerning "Fat Andy's" fugitive status has involved "a lot of innocent people."

SA [redacted] informed GALLO that he should talk to [redacted] to get a complete update of this matter. SA [redacted] stated that the people involved were not as innocent as they wanted everyone to believe.

GALLO advised that NEIL DELLACROCE seems to be better but is still going for cancer therapy. He stated that NEIL goes out only for two or three hours at a time.

GALLO stated that [redacted] believes that his recent arrest on Federal charges is the work of SA [redacted]. [redacted] thinks that SA [redacted] was "just getting even" because [redacted] "ducked" receiving a subpoena from SA [redacted]. The same holds for [redacted].

Interviewed on 9/19/84 at Queens, New York

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By SA [redacted] ar

Date Dictated 9/25/84

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GALLO described [ ] as "a kid who doesn't know any better" and who got involved without thinking. GALLO has met [ ] on three or four occasions; once at RUSTY'S RESTAURANT in NY City.

GALLO again thanked SA [ ] for allowing him to keep [ ] car at the time of his arrest. GALLO added that he told [ ] that SA [ ] was not intent on causing [ ] extra problems and the way the car situation was handled was proof of this. GALLO also stated that [ ] "lives somewhere on the island" and GALLO had to call someone to come get the car as [ ] needed it. She has a small infant to take care of. GALLO then stated, "As far as where he lives, [ ] I swear I couldn't tell you. I don't know where most of the guys I see live."

GALLO advised that [ ] is currently represented by an attorney named [ ] just recently passed the bar, having worked as a paralegal.

GALLO added that the defendants in [ ] current situation were being asked to pay \$40,000.00 for copies of the "tapes" made by the Government.

GALLO stated that he was still finding it very hard to believe that ANGELO RUGGIERO could be involved in narcotics dealings.

SA [ ] asked GALLO if RUGGIERO and his associates in the matter were going to go to trial or take a plea. SA [ ] added that because of the nature of the investigation as well as the strength of the Government's case, the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) was anxious to take this matter to trial. GALLO was further informed that the publicity generated from this trial would be very favorable to the FBI and very detrimental to ANGELO and "his club."

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GALLO was aware that ANGELO had been contemplating a plea arrangement and asked SA [ ] what the Government was offering. GALLO was informed that ANGELO had been given the opportunity to plead to 20 years.

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GALLO was obviously taken aback and stated, "Twenty years? A plea to 20 years?" GALLO found this to be a real surprise and repeated it several times.

GALLO then said, [ ] you remember what I told you before; anyone who gets caught dealing in narcotics deserves everything they get coming to them." GALLO added, [ ] if you had told me the day before ANGELO's arrest that he was to be arrested for narcotics, I would have bet my life against a dollar that he was not involved."

GALLO then asked if ANGELO and the others arrested had known before their arrest that it was coming. GALLO was informed that SA [ ] did not believe they knew about the specifics of the arrest; however, they surely had to suspect that they would eventually be arrested.

GALLO asked if [ ] was also offered a plea and if he was as heavily involved as ANGELO. GALLO was informed that [ ] as well as all the other individuals arrested in this Government case were totally involved in narcotics operations and profited handsomely from it.

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GALLO wanted to know if [ ] the attorney, was exempt from prosecution in the case because of client-attorney privileges. GALLO was informed that in this case [ ] was not exempt because his actions went beyond those of a simple client-attorney relationship. It is the Government's contention that [ ] was actively involved with ANGELO and the others in their narcotics activity.

GALLO asked if all the defendants in ANGELO's case had received copies of the Government tapes. GALLO was under

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the impression that it was the Government's responsibility to make the "tapes" available. He said, "If someone has not received the tapes, how can they be ready for trial?"

GALLO was informed that the Government has made all the "tapes" available to one attorney, chosen by all the defendants, and it is their responsibility to obtain their own copies from him.

GALLO was also informed that a jury in Florida had just recently convicted the past Police Chief of Riviera Beach, Florida, involved in the AGRO, RUGGIANO case. GALLO immediately became alert and asked if this is the one who was allegedly doing "favors" for GALLO by trying to get [redacted] moved to another jail.

GALLO stated that the Miami papers had printed a story some time ago stating that GALLO was allegedly going to pay \$20,000.00 to have [redacted] moved. GALLO said, "What a ridiculous story. [redacted] has been in every jail in New York, why should I pay to have him moved?"

GALLO advised that [redacted] will be coming up for parole consideration in January of 1985. GALLO feels that he will not get parole because "they are still trying to get to me through [redacted] I would have never allowed him to plea in that case."

The above conversation took place from 3:15 P.M. to 5:35 P.M. SA [redacted] and GALLO parted company on very amiable terms.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in the area of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street, Astoria, New York (NY). GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA) [ ] from previous contacts and the following conversation ensued:

GALLO, on greeting of SA [ ] was immediately observed to be in a bad mood.

SA [ ] inquired of GALLO if GALLO was mad at SA [ ]. GALLO replied in the affirmative and immediately stated [ ] "you know that you just come over here to tell me a lot of bullshit; it's all bullshit." I didn't want to talk to you so please do me a favor; if you have to talk to me anymore, either have a subpoena for me or arrest me."

SA [ ] asked GALLO if he was upset at the recent arrest of NEIL DELLACROCE. GALLO said "Neil! No. I'm not mad about that." Then GALLO proceeded to inform SA [ ] that [ ] had just been turned down in his request for parole. What made matters worse, in GALLO's opinion, was the fact that according to his lawyers, "pressure was brought from the outside" to prevent [ ] receiving parole. GALLO implied that he took this to mean that Federal authorities had played a part in this "pressure."

SA [ ] advised GALLO that there was no involvement by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in this parole process.

GALLO again stated [ ] "from now on, if you want to talk to me have a subpoena or an arrest warrant."

SA [ ] informed GALLO that this could be arranged and in most probability would take place sooner than GALLO anticipated.

GALLO reacted to this by saying [ ] "if you ever have to arrest me just make sure that you bring an ambulance, I'm not leaving my house unless I'm in an ambulance."

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SA [ ] and GALLO then wished each other good luck and parted company.

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The above interview lasted from 4:23 PM to 4:38 PM.

GALLO was observed entering his residence 31-85 Crescent Street at 4:39 PM:

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[redacted] was contacted in the area of Park Avenue and 86th Street, Manhattan, New York. [redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview; she provided the following information.

[redacted] advised that since her last contact with SA [redacted] on October 19, 1983, she has had no direct or indirect contact with [redacted] THOMAS AGRO.

[redacted] stated further that she had not been aware of the fact that AGRO had been arrested in Montreal, Canada, and did not expect to hear from him subsequent to this arrest.

[redacted] stated that the only contact which she has had regarding AGRO in his fugitive status was a telephone call sometime ago from AGRO's [redacted] [redacted] knows [redacted] as [redacted] and advised that the purpose of this contact was that [redacted] was attempting to determine if [redacted] had heard anything regarding the whereabouts of AGRO.

[redacted] stated that she was familiar with [redacted] [redacted] had been one of her closest high school friends. She advised that she has known [redacted] for approximately thirteen (13) years. [redacted] stated that she has had no contact with [redacted] for over one (1) year and last heard [redacted] to be in Israel. [redacted] volunteered that about one (1) month ago, [redacted] called [redacted] and left a message on her answering service, however, she did not leave a telephone number and [redacted] could not recontact her. [redacted] advised that at one time [redacted] lived in Montreal, Canada, where she worked as a social worker. [redacted] stated that to her knowledge [redacted] and TOMMY AGRO had never met, and in any case [redacted] had never introduced [redacted] to AGRO.

[redacted] advised on questioning that she had no contact with THOMAS AGRO, Jr. subsequent to her separation from AGRO and in general had no use for any of AGRO's family, as she did not get along with any of them. [redacted] attributed this to the fact that AGRO's family had not approved of her marriage to AGRO, and did everything possible to prevent the marriage.

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By SAS [redacted]

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[redacted] was displayed a xeroxed copy of a paper containing two (2) words, liberty and oriental, written on Ramada Inn stationary. Above each letter of liberty and oriental was a number from 0 to 9. (Attached)

[redacted] reviewed this document and advised that this was her handwriting and that the numbers and letters denoted a code which she and THOMAS AGRO had agreed upon in the event that he ever had to contact her if he became a fugitive. [redacted] explained that shortly after her marriage to AGRO, AGRO had brought up the fact that one day he may become a fugitive from justice because of his organized crime involvements, and for this reason he needed to set up some sort of a code with [redacted] so they could communicate. AGRO was emphatic that he would never call [redacted] at her home or place of business because he suspected that these telephones would be monitored by the FBI.

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[redacted] advised that the above described procedure in contacting AGRO was never implemented, and she in fact never heard from AGRO once he did become a fugitive. [redacted] attributed this to the fact that when AGRO became a fugitive he and [redacted] had split and AGRO had married his current [redacted]

At this time [redacted] was displayed a set of photographs of the following individuals:

- 1) THOMAS AGRO
- 2) [redacted]
- 3) ANTHONY RUGGIANO
- 4) [redacted]

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[ ] reviewed the photographs and advised that she recognized those of AGRO and RUGGIANO. She stated she had met RUGGIANO with AGRO, however, could not recall the circumstances. [ ] advised that the photographs of [ ] and [ ] were unfamiliar to her.

At this time [ ] was displayed another piece of xerox paper containing a series of telephone numbers, times and dates, as well as the word liberty described previously with the numbers above the letters. (Attached).

This document was also written on Ramada Inn stationery. [ ] reviewed this document and advised that this too was her handwriting and to the best of her recollection, she had given both this and the previously described document to AGRO at one of their very last meetings. [ ] could not recall why she would have given AGRO the name of [ ] or her telephone numbers in Montreal. [ ] only explanation was that if AGRO had requested the information, she would have given it to him. [ ] was also uncertain as to why she would have given AGRO telephone numbers of the Metropolitan Cafe, where she was employed in 1983, and her work schedule in August and September of 1983.

It was pointed out to [ ] that the work schedule given of August 15, August 29, August 22, and September 5, 1983, were dates subsequent to AGRO becoming a fugitive from the FBI. SA [ ] advised [ ] that it was his belief that both of the above documents showed a willingness on the part of [ ] to be in contact with AGRO during his fugitive status.

[ ] readily admitted that it was indeed the purpose of the above documents to establish such a chain of communication, however, she emphatically denied that this communication channel had gone into effect. She stated that she never received any telephone calls from AGRO during his fugitive status, nor did she

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[redacted] receive telephone calls from anyone else on behalf of AGRO. [redacted] could still not explain the fact that [redacted] name was used by AGRO and had no idea whether AGRO and [redacted] had in fact been in contact in Montreal.

[redacted] advised that she would check her own work records for 1983 to determine if in fact she had worked on August 15, August 29, August 22, and September 5, and attempt to determine if anyone had tried to contact her at the Metropolitan Cafe which may have been AGRO.

[redacted] advised that the last time she recalled seeing AGRO at the Metropolitan Cafe was the day when she had given him these documents, and it was a time period when AGRO had already married [redacted]. To [redacted] recollection AGRO had stopped by the Metropolitan Cafe while [redacted] was at Elmers Restaurant, on 2nd Avenue, servicing one of her liquor accounts.

[redacted] advised that in this time period, she and AGRO saw each other three (3) or four (4) times and "dated" however, had no serious relationship since AGRO knew [redacted] stand regarding his marriage to [redacted]. [redacted] explained that she had no intention whatsoever to again get romantically involved with AGRO.

[redacted] advised that the only individual that she was fearful of from AGRO's past acquaintances was JOEY who [redacted] described as a very distinguished looking [redacted] man in his [redacted]. [redacted] was displayed a photograph of JOSEPH N. GALLO, and she identified GALLO as the individual she knew as JOEY. [redacted] explained that AGRO and GALLO had what she considered a "lovers relationship" in the fact that they were so close that it almost prevented AGRO from marrying [redacted]. [redacted] explained that GALLO was apparently totally against AGRO's marrying [redacted] and did everything possible to prevent it. This included calling AGRO on AGRO's wedding day, and keeping him on the telephone so as to change the actual wedding time. [redacted] stated that at one time subsequent to her marriage with AGRO she brought up AGRO's relationship with GALLO in a joking manner, and AGRO got very mad, and "slapped me around."

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Another individual who [redacted] knew as a close associate of AGRO's was JOE ARMONE. [redacted] stated that ARMONE use to hang out at LANZA's Restaurant in lower Manhattan. [redacted] was displayed a photograph of JOSEPH ARMONE, and she identified this individual as the same JOE ARMONE of whom she was talking about.

[redacted] described ARMONE as a very nice gentleman who never "gave me any problems." [redacted] advised that ARMONE and AGRO were also very close but in a different way than ARGO and GALLO. [redacted] recalled that AGRO referred to GALLO as "Pepino" (phonetics).

[redacted] advised that during the time period when she was married to AGRO, they resided at [redacted], under the name of [redacted] advised that this was a completely fictitious name and she was nervous about it. She advised that she never let any of AGRO's friends come to their apartment because she did not want "any of their type" in her house. She stated that this made AGRO very mad however, he always complied with her wishes, and went downstairs to meet any guests in the lobby or in a restaurant nearby.

[redacted] advised that she would be cooperative with the FBI in thier investigation of this matter.

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SUN. 9:30 A.M. to 7 P.M.

MON. 6 PM to 10 PM

7 P.M. to 2 AM

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On September 25, 1980, [redacted] provided the following information:

Source advised that [redacted] GAMBINO soldier, had made a shylock loan to [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) (LNU) and that [redacted] continues to [redacted] approximately [redacted]

Initially, [redacted] loaned [redacted] approximately [redacted] [redacted] paid [redacted] a week, at approximately three points, then [redacted] was put on straight payments in order to help pay off the principle. The principle was reduced from [redacted] to about [redacted] until [redacted] got sick and could no longer make the payments.

[redacted] reached out to [redacted] a GENOVESE button (believed to be [redacted] NY 92-2479), to straighten out his shylock loan with [redacted]. A sitdown between [redacted] and [redacted] took place on around Mulberry Street. The matter was not resolved after heated conversation and both would refer the matter to their superiors.

[redacted] went to JOE N. GALLO at Belmondo's to resolve the dispute. Source advised that GALLO gave [redacted] the go ahead to continue to collect the loan as he saw fit.

[redacted] approximately [redacted] and now makes payments to [redacted] trying to reduce the principle.

[redacted] is described as a heavy gambler, approximately [redacted] years old [redacted] inches [redacted] casual dresser, pot belly, approximately [redacted] pounds [redacted] and drives an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, beige color. [redacted] is a small contractor having done work for Starrett City off Pennsylvania Avenue. Starrett City still owes [redacted] money on jobs. [redacted] hangs out at a coffee shop in the shopping area at Starrett City and parks his car near this coffee shop. [redacted] picks up his money from [redacted] at the coffee shop during the morning hours on weekdays. [redacted] can be seen there between 8:30 AM - 10 AM. [redacted] is always there by 9:00 AM, and usually when the shop opens.

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[redacted] has a silver-gray 1979 Cadillac phaeton model with a black top.

[redacted] is a friend of [redacted] and former friend and partner of [redacted] also frequents the Starrett City complex where he owns the pinball game room.

The above information is extremely singular and must be discussed with the writer regarding any dissemination outside the FBI, for use in affidavits and interviews.

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[redacted] was contacted in the Miami, Florida area. [redacted] was contacted at her own request and the purpose of the interview was for [redacted] to clarify her association with THOMAS AGRO, subsequent to his become a federal fugitive. [redacted] had previously been contacted on October 19, 1983 and December 5, 1984. On both these occasions [redacted] had provided inaccurate information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] stated that she was now ready to cooperation with the FBI and wanted to provide the truth in this matter as best she knew it.

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[redacted] advised that subsequent to her divorce from THOMAS AGRO she maintained a very cordial relationship with AGRO and he would often contact her either at her residence or at her place of employment. [redacted] stated that on occasion she dated AGRO while he was married to his current [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in the latter part of 1982 prior to the holidays, AGRO came to visit her at her residence in the Bronx and at that time informed her that [redacted] had been "pinched". AGRO also informed [redacted] at the time, that he felt that [redacted] had framed him and that he was going to be in a lot of trouble.

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[redacted] advised that she knew [redacted] as an associate of THOMAS AGRO in Florida. [redacted] described [redacted] as a degenerate gambler and an individual about whom TOMMY was always screaming and yelling. [redacted] stated that AGRO on meeting [redacted] would oftentimes become very angered and yell and scream at him in public. [redacted] had never seen THOMAS AGRO and [redacted] in any kind of physical battle. [redacted] stated that THOMAS AGRO and [redacted] along with another AGRO associate, [redacted] were at one time contemplating opening a bottle club somewhere in Florida.

[redacted] advised that on June 9, 1983 she began employment as a barmaid at the METROPOLITAN CAFE on First Avenue in New York City (NYC). [redacted] stated that THOMAS AGRO would often come to visit her at the METROPOLITAN CAFE and it was on one such occasion that AGRO informed [redacted] that [redacted] was protected by the Government and was "a rat". AGRO advised [redacted] that he had obtained this information from "sources" who were familiar with [redacted]

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By SAS [redacted] /ng

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the case. [REDACTED] added that she had been made aware by AGRO during their short marriage that there may come a time when AGRO would have to become a fugitive. AGRO always told [REDACTED] that if this ever happened he would never directly contact her to jeopardize her situation with law enforcement officials, however, would always contact her through an intermediary and in code. Subsequent to their divorce AGRO and [REDACTED] again on occasion talked about the possibility of AGRO's becoming a fugitive and it was on one such occasion that they worked up a code sheet utilizing the names Liberty and Oriental along with a numbering system. This was to be a code used by AGRO in case he ever had to contact [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that sometime on the afternoon of August 9, 1983 she received a telephone call at her apartment in the Bronx from TOMMY AGRO. In this telephone call AGRO asked her what she was doing for the next couple of days and then stated that he wanted to go somewhere for a trip. [REDACTED] advised that she had a few days off from work and readily agreed to go with AGRO. She explained that AGRO always had plenty of money on him and she enjoyed going places where he "picked up the tab". AGRO then instructed [REDACTED] to drive to NYC to pick him up. To the best of [REDACTED] recollection she picked AGRO up on the East side of NYC in the 80's near DAVINO'S RESTAURANT. [REDACTED] advised that AGRO had a carrying bag with some personal belongings with him which he put in her car. After meeting; [REDACTED] and AGRO went to a restaurant to have something to eat. [REDACTED] advised that during dinner AGRO advised her that his first wife MARION had just died and that AGRO needed to be alone. AGRO stated that he wanted to take a trip somewhere and [REDACTED] to her recollection is the one who suggested a trip to Canada. [REDACTED] explained that she had a friend in Canada by the name of [REDACTED] who had always invited [REDACTED] to visit and [REDACTED] thought this could be a good opportunity to do so.

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[REDACTED] advised that AGRO readily agreed to her proposal and was anxious to leave that evening. AGRO also informed [REDACTED] that he could not go to the funeral of MARION AGRO because "he had to leave". AGRO explained this by stating to [REDACTED] that someone

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at the hospital had told him that there was some sort of trouble and that he had to leave in a hurry.

[REDACTED] advised that once they departed NYC they drove non-stop to Montreal, Canada where they arrived in the very early morning of August 10, 1983. [REDACTED] recalls that once they had crossed into Canada, THOMAS AGRO became very, very happy and wanted to celebrate. He suggested buying a bottle of champagne.

[REDACTED] advised that her first act on arrival at Montreal was to contact her friend [REDACTED]. She made arrangements to meet [REDACTED] later that evening.

[REDACTED] advised that she introduced [REDACTED] to THOMAS AGRO and they seemed to strike it off quite well. [REDACTED] advised that she and AGRO stayed in several different hotels in Montreal the names she could not recall however she knew they were very expensive. AGRO at one point asked [REDACTED] to inquire if [REDACTED] could find a more permanent place for him to stay because he wanted to spend some more time in Canada. [REDACTED] stated that she was against this idea however she knew that if AGRO wanted to contact [REDACTED] on his own he would.

[REDACTED] advised she returned to NYC on August 12, 1983 to return to work. She stated that in addition to AGRO'S small bag of personal belongings he had taken with him to Montreal five or six envelopes, each containing about \$10,000 in cash. [REDACTED] advised that she kept a telephone number where she could contact THOMAS AGRO in Montreal however she does not recall the number at this time.

[REDACTED] advised that on August 15, 1983 she returned to Montreal, Canada by driving her vehicle and again met AGRO. She stayed in Montreal until the 20th of August and among other things she assisted AGRO in looking for a apartment for a permanent residence. It was during this time period that [REDACTED] found out that THOMAS AGRO was in serious trouble with authorities. [REDACTED] determined this indirectly because AGRO was very concerned about the condition of [REDACTED] AGRO

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was of the opinion that he had destroyed her life and was concerned how she could get by without him. At the end of this second trip [REDACTED] stated that she and AGRO found a room at the PIER (phonetic) MOTEL where they received a weekly rate. [REDACTED] recalls the motel having a bar which TOMMY AGRO liked because the clientele consisted mostly of lumberjacks.

[REDACTED] advised that when she left AGRO on August 20, 1983 for her return trip to NYC she was mad at him and for that reason took two envelopes of money for her expenses both in Canada and on her return to NYC. [REDACTED] later determined that each contained \$10,000 and when she realized how much money she took from AGRO she became very scared. [REDACTED] added that at that time THOMAS AGRO would have probably "killed me" if he found out what she had done. At that time it was [REDACTED] intention never to see AGRO again eventhough AGRO had asked [REDACTED] to stay with him permanently in Canada.

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On her return in NYC [REDACTED] could not get out of her mind the fact that she had taken \$20,000 from THOMAS AGRO and knew that if he ever wanted to "get at her" there was not much she could do to hide from him. For this reason she decided to make up a story regarding the money and to go back to visit AGRO again in Canada. [REDACTED] advised that on October 14 she flew from NYC to Montreal for the purpose of meeting with AGRO. She advised that at this point she had approximately \$15,000 left of the \$20,000 and she purposely "made herself up" to be questioned by the authorities at Canadian Immigration. She advised that this in fact did happen and the money was discovered. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Canadian Authorities regarding her possession of such a large amount of money, however she was able to talk her way out of any serious problems. Later when she contacted AGRO via telephone she told him what had happened and that she had the money with her however could not meet him personally because she was afraid that she was being watched by authorities. AGRO believed this story and told her to stay where she was, he would send somebody to her to obtain the money. [REDACTED] recalls contacting AGRO at a Montreal restaurant, name unrecalled. [REDACTED] explained that she could easily contact AGRO in Montreal because she knew his "hang outs"

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and would just start calling one after another until she found one where he was.

[redacted] advised that approximately 1/2 hour after she contacted AGRO she was met by a "friend of AGRO'S" of Pakistani background. This individual took the \$15,000 which [redacted] had for AGRO and [redacted] returned to NYC on October 15, 1983. [redacted] has not seen AGRO since that time.

[redacted] advised that when she was contacted by the FBI on October 19, 1983 regarding her knowledge of the whereabouts of THOMAS AGRO she was positive that she was being watched and that it was just a matter of time before her recent involvement with THOMAS AGRO would be known.

[redacted] advised that after her contact with the FBI on October 19, 1983 she contacted AGRO'S [redacted] and informed her of the contact. [redacted] further informed [redacted] that she should not be contacted by AGRO or any of the family for fear of leading the authorities to AGRO. [redacted] advised that this tactic worked and she had no further contact with THOMAS AGRO until after he was apprehended in September of 1984.

[redacted] advised that since AGRO'S arrest he has attempted to contact her via telephone five or six times. [redacted] has not answered any of his calls. [redacted] advised that she has also received messages on her answering service from [redacted] to contact him regarding THOMAS AGRO and messages from [redacted] [redacted] advised that she did not keep a telephone number for [redacted] however recalls that it was a 203 area code. [redacted] advised that she has not returned any of the requested telephone calls. On December 12, 1984 [redacted] received a message on her answering service from [redacted] who left a telephone number of [redacted] [redacted] advised that she did return this telephone call to [redacted] and determined from [redacted] that [redacted] was very angry at THOMAS AGRO because of the "mess he made of my life" and that she was ready to leave him. [redacted] informed [redacted] that [redacted] in France did not want her to have any further dealings with THOMAS AGRO and would not help her financially or in any other way if she

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[REDACTED] continued her association with him. For this reason [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that she was going to return to France.

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[REDACTED] advised that to her knowledge AGRO has [REDACTED] one is named [REDACTED] and the other one is [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] who currently lives in Israel. [REDACTED] works for the Israeli Airlines.

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[REDACTED] Relative to THOMAS AGRO'S association with JOE N. GALLO, [REDACTED] advised that AGRO often told her that it was GALLO who got AGRO started in organized crime. [REDACTED] advised that she had also heard GALLO during heated conversations with AGRO make statements such as "I made you" [REDACTED] advised that GALLO was a vicious, ruthless individual whom she feared very much.

[REDACTED] advised that the above constitutes an accurate statement of her relationship with THOMAS AGRO subsequent to his becoming a federal fugitive. She advised that she would be totally cooperative with the FBI regarding their investigation of this matter and would testify in a court of law regarding the above information.

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[redacted] as contacted at his residence [redacted] Florida, home telephone number [redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview; he provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was well acquainted with THE GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION (GBSUA) of 225 West 34th Street, New York City (NYC) as he had been employed by the association as Business Agent from 1957 until his retirement in 1982. Prior to that time [redacted] advised he worked in the garment industry as a [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he was hired for employment at the GBSUA by the then [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] at that time was [redacted] was the [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] were two (2) additional Business Agents. [redacted] advised that all the Business Agents at that time had business space at the GBSUA, however, most of the work was done in the field. There was no set time for the Business Agents to come to the office. however, they each had to report in telephonically to [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that approximately two (2) years after he joined the GBSUA [redacted] became the [redacted] hired JOSEPH N. GALLO as a Business Agent and [redacted] was given the responsibility of "training GALLO" and "taking him around to the shops". [redacted] advised that although he spent approximately two (2) months in this "training process" he had no personal background information available regarding GALLO. [redacted] described GALLO as a "nice guy", however, he added that he did not ask any questions and knew that he was expected "just do the job and keep my mouth shut".

[redacted] advised that to the best of his recollection, GALLO did come to the offices of GBSUA and had a desk space available to him. [redacted] added that GALLO was a very sick man, he had serious heart problems and spent considerable amounts of time

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in the hospital. [REDACTED] could not recall ever visiting GALLO during any of his stays in the hospital.

[REDACTED] advised that all the Business Representatives of the GBSUA had assigned shops which they were responsible to work regarding any complaints or problems that needed the association's assistance. [REDACTED] stated that most of the problems were handled without any kind of paperwork, however, if the problem was serious enough to warrant arbitration or an impartial chairman to settle there would be a report issued by both the association and the union representatives.

[REDACTED] identified a photograph of JOSEPH GALLO displayed to him by Special Agent [REDACTED] was also at this time displayed a photograph of AUGUSTUS VINCENT CORRAO. [REDACTED] identified CORRAO as another Business Agent hired by [REDACTED] and who [REDACTED] had to "train". [REDACTED] could furnish no background information regarding CORRAO other than the fact that CORRAO was also sick and to the best of his recollection had cancer.

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[REDACTED] advised that when [REDACTED] assumed the post of [REDACTED] On the retirement of [REDACTED] assumed the position of [REDACTED] which he currently holds.

Prior to his retirement [REDACTED] hired another individual by the name of JAMES VINCENT ANGELLINO. ANGELLINO is currently the Assistant Executive Director of the association. [REDACTED] is not familiar with any business qualifications or background information regarding ANGELLINO.

[REDACTED] again explained his lack of knowledge regarding any background information of the above individuals by making the statement "I was just lucky to have a job and I knew to keep my mouth shut". [REDACTED] quickly explained that he has found a "new life" in Florida, has a wonderful family and wants to remain totally divorced from any of his past business associates and dealings in NYC. [REDACTED] advised that when he retired from the GBSUA he received a settlement of \$15,000 which was payable in two

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(2) installments of \$7,500 each. He has received this money and has had no further contact with the GBSUA until he received a subpoena ordering his appearance in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY).

At this time [REDACTED] was displayed photographs of PAUL CASTELLANO, JOSEPH CORRAO and THOMAS GAMBINO. [REDACTED] advised that the photograph of CASTELLANO was not familiar to him, however, he had heard the name. [REDACTED] identified JOSEPH CORRAO as a brother of [REDACTED] and advised that he had met him on one or two occasions in the Chinatown area of NYC. [REDACTED] identified THOMAS GAMBINO as the owner of CONSOLIDATED CARRIERS of NYC. [REDACTED] went on to add that he had met both THOMAS GAMBINO and his brother JOSEPH GAMBINO on numerous occasions at their business on West 35th Street. [REDACTED] quickly explained that oftentimes when the GBSUA needed assistance regarding the delivering of garments to market from one of their member shops they would call on CONSOLIDATED CARRIER. [REDACTED] advised that he would then go in person to talk to either THOMAS or JOSEPH GAMBINO regarding any of these problems. [REDACTED] did not know of anybody else at the GBSUA who was in contact with THOMAS and JOSEPH GAMBINO. [REDACTED] added that by the same turn if CONSOLIDATED CARRIERS was having problems with any of the member shops of the association regarding their payments for trucking services they would contact [REDACTED] who would then attempt to negotiate some mutually satisfactory settlement. In most instances this settlement constituted of the member shop being told to immediately pay the CONSOLIDATED FREIGHT bill or lose their standing as a member of the GBSUA.

[REDACTED] advised that he had no knowledge whatsoever regarding any of the financial or administrative workings of the GBSUA outside of his immediate work duties. He stated that he was not allowed to attend any of the yearly executive meetings and did not partake actively in any social functions which the GBSUA may of had. [REDACTED] added that as a rule there was very little social contact among the GBSUA workers.

[REDACTED] advised that he did receive Christmas bonuses each year during his work at the GBSUA, however, he had no imput

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regarding the amount of the bonuses. He advised that the amount to his knowledge was determined by the Board of Directors of the GBSUA.

 advised that he would be totally cooperative with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding the investigation of this matter and advised that he would be willing to come to NY to answer a subpoena or any official order directing him to do so.

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence 200 177th Drive, North Miami Beach, Florida, home telephone number (305) 932-1196. [redacted] was apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview; he provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was well acquainted with THE GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION (GBSUA) of 225 West 34th Street, New York City (NYC) inasmuch as he was a member of this association from 1949 until approximately three (3) years ago. [redacted] advised that the membership of the GBSUA consists of contracting shops who are in the business of manufacturing blouses, skirts and undergarments in the New York Metropolitan Area. All the member contracting shops are union shops and the purpose of the association is to represent the member contractors at union negotiations and any union work disputes.

[redacted] advised that he first went into business in the NYC Garment Industry in 1947 [redacted] LADY ANGEL. [redacted] stated that he worked [redacted] for two (2) years as a non-union shop, however, in 1949 after some picketing by union personnel [redacted] acquiesced and joined the union. [redacted] advised that he had a friend, [redacted] (phonetic), who was a union representative at that time in NYC and he contacted [redacted] regarding his joining the union. [redacted] stated that [redacted] became a member of Local 62 of the INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION (ILGWU). He advised that [redacted] was primarily engaged in the manufacture of womens undergarments.

[redacted] advised that shortly after his joining the GBSUA he became a delegate representing the undergarment contractors of the association. As such [redacted] attended yearly meetings wherein contractors met with the association executives to air any problems and discuss the financial integrity of the industry as a whole. Approximatley two (2) years later, [redacted] was offered and accepted a position on the Board of Directors of the GBSUA. The Board of Directors of the GBSUA meet about three or four (3-4) times a year to discuss in greater detail the

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various aspects of the NY Garment Industry as it pertains to the member shops. [redacted] advised that approximately five (5) years after becoming a member of the Board of Directors he was voted in as the [redacted] and held this post until approximately 1982 when he accepted a position on the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that as [redacted] of the GBSUA his main function was to open the various business meetings held by the association during the year [redacted]

[redacted] advised that when he became [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the GBSUA Board of Directors held quarterly meetings to report on various activities pertaining to the association members. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that during his approximately [redacted] the GBSUA he was exempt from paying association dues. This was the only compensation which [redacted] received during this time period.

[redacted] stated that during his association with the GBSUA in both the capacity as [redacted]

[redacted] he never saw any financial statements regarding the solvency of the association. [redacted] advised that financial statements were read aloud by the Association Accountant at the yearly general meeting of the GBSUA and its members. [redacted] advised that there were no contracts negotiated, to his knowledge, with the executive members of the GBSUA and any action taken as far as their salaries or bonuses, was voted on in a "as it was before" rubber stamp type format by the officers of the Board of Directors. [redacted] admitted that in reality the Board of Directors of the GBSUA had very little say regarding the day-to-day activities of the executive membership of the GBSUA.

[redacted] advised that approximately five [redacted] when he retired from his business and relinquished the chair of [redacted]

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[REDACTED] of the GBSUA he was asked by the then [REDACTED] to join the Executive Personnel at the GBSUA as an [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that he would be retiring soon and that when he did he would recommend [REDACTED] to fill his position as the [REDACTED]. For this reason [REDACTED] accepted [REDACTED] offer and joined the Executive Personnel at GBSUA. [REDACTED] advised that his compensation at that time from the GBSUA was [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] advised that he was [REDACTED] at the GBSUA for approximately two (2) years. He advised that during this time period [REDACTED] was often sick and therefore he, that is [REDACTED] was in charge of running the day-to-day activities of the GBSUA. [REDACTED] advised that his duties consisted primarily of checking to see that contracting members of the association paid their dues, that delegates of the association went to work and that the offices of the GBSUA revamped their out-dated and out-moded telephone system. [REDACTED] admitted that in reality he had very little to do as [REDACTED] at the association. [REDACTED] advised that during this same time period other Executive Personnel of the GBSUA who worked at the office were [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] and two (2) Chinese individuals whose names [REDACTED] could not recall. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] would have periodic contact with the association and was considered to be a part-time employee, however, he maintained his seat as Executive Director.

[REDACTED] advised that as far as finances of the GBSUA the individual who knew more about these than anybody would be [REDACTED] who is the [REDACTED]. To [REDACTED] knowledge the GBSUA maintained an excess of approximately \$80-100,000 each year from dues collected from members of the association. [REDACTED] advised that to his knowledge all checks issued by the GBSUA required at least two (2) signatures. He stated that three (3) people were chosen each year as authorized signatories of official GBSUA checks.



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[REDACTED] advised that the only time he ever saw any statements regarding the financial rewards obtained by [REDACTED] at the GBSUA was after he became the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he could not recall the exact amount of [REDACTED] salary there, however, he said it was quite sizeable at the time. [REDACTED] could recall no large expenditures by GBSUA during his tenure [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was not aware of any charitable or civic projects undertaken by the GBSUA in behalf of its members.

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[REDACTED] was displayed photographs of JOSEPH GALLO and AUGUSTUS VINCENT CORRAO. [REDACTED] reviewed the photographs and advised that GALLO was familiar to him as a former business agent of the GBSUA. [REDACTED] recalled meeting GALLO on one or two occasions after he became the Assistant Executive Director. [REDACTED] advised that GALLO was allegedly a very sick man and spent very little time doing the business of the GBSUA. [REDACTED] advised that he was not familiar at all with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that he would be totally cooperative with the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding their investigation of this matter.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO, was contacted in the area of 21st Street and Broadway Avenue, Long Island City, Queens, New York. GALLO recognized SA [redacted] from prior contacts and after an exchange of greetings the following conversation ensued.

GALLO advised that he was feeling quite ill and had recently gone to the hospital for a check up. He stated that if it wasn't for the fact that [redacted] might be getting out of jail soon, he and his wife would leave the area. GALLO stated that he needed to have a complete physical check up again at DUKE UNIVERSITY in North Carolina. b6 b7C

GALLO advised that he had not seen NEIL DELLACROCE for at least two months. GALLO knows NEIL to be quite ill and stated "he does not leave his house [redacted] he just stays home now". b6 b7C

GALLO was surprised to learn that [redacted] [redacted] had recently been photographed and fingerprinted by the FBI. GALLO was advised that this action on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had some bearing on a recent FBI narcotics case. GALLO stated that [redacted] the property on Broadway Avenue where he ran the CAFE FORTUNA; it is now a Brazilian restaurant. GALLO advised that he did not know how this restaurant made any money because there was very seldom any customers in the restaurant.

GALLO advised that it was his understanding that the ANGELO RUGGERIO trial had been delayed by the government not the defendants in the case. ANGELO was still maintaining his innocence in the matter.

GALLO stated that he had read recent newspaper accounts of the pending arrest of the "commission members". GALLO asked if the newspaper accounts were accurate and if so, then why was this kind of information "leaked" to the press.

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GALLO was informed that newspaper reporters tend to over play coming events of public interest and to dramatize the effects so as to sell more papers. GALLO agreed that much of what is "released to the press" is done for political reasons.

GALLO stated that his friend [redacted] was currently on trial, however, the governments case against [redacted] was very weak. GALLO was of the opinion that [redacted] was going to be severed from this case and the charges against him probably dropped.

GALLO asked whether THOMAS AGRO was to go to trial in Florida soon. GALLO was informed that the trial date had been set as April 11, 1985 and that AGRO and RUGGIANO, were going to be tried together.

GALLO was surprised at such an early date and asked if AGRO would have time to prepare for his trial. GALLO also inquired as to how the government was able to get AGRO to Florida when he was "fighting his extradition" from Canada. GALLO was informed that AGRO's high priced lawyer in Canada had made some mistakes in his handling of the case and the government was able to take advantage of these errors.

GALLO then asked if AGRO had not gone to Florida voluntarily. He was informed that this was not the case. GALLO asked if the Florida lawyer handling "Fat Andy" (ANTHONY RUGGIANO) was also assisting TOMMY AGRO. GALLO recalled this lawyer to be named [redacted] however, could not recall the last name.

GALLO was advised that Fat Andy's lawyer in Florida was [redacted] and that [redacted] had indeed attempted to represent AGRO however, this was deemed a conflict of interest. AGRO had then been appointed a public defendant but at the "last minute" had been able to retain a very prominent and expensive Florida attorney, [redacted]

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GALLO stated that he was familiar with the name of GONZALES and asked if this was the same lawyer who had represented NEIL DELLACROCE some years ago in a Florida trial.

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GALLO was informed that this was the same attorney and in fact, was the attorney of record for SANTO TRAFFICANTE of Tampa, Florida. GALLO was asked if he knew TRAFFICANTE. GALLO advised that he had met SANTO TRAFFICANTE some years back. He did not elaborate.

GALLO agreed that [redacted] would be a "high priced" attorney and expressed real surprise that AGRO could afford him. GALLO stated "I wonder where he's getting the money". GALLO again asked if it was true that AGRO had almost ten thousand on his person when he was arrested in Montreal, Canada. GALLO was informed that AGRO had, at his arrest, about seven thousand dollars in American money and several hundred in Canadian currency.

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GALLO stated that he was currently waiting to meet someone who was going to take a message to [redacted] in prison. GALLO continued that he is only looking forward to [redacted] release from prison and does not want to involve himself further in other matters. GALLO asked SA [redacted] what he thought that [redacted] chances were of being released on parole and SA [redacted] replied that he thought that they were excellent.

On parting, GALLO stated [redacted] see if you can help my friend [redacted]

The above conversation lasted from approximately 12:45 to 1:30 PM.

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Source stated that the ailing Underboss ANIELLO DELLACROCE will probably be replaced when he retires by close CASTELLANO confidante THOMAS BILOTTI. BILOTTI is currently a Capo in the GAMBINO Organized Crime Family and a Lieutenant of GAMBINO Boss PAUL CASTELLANO. However, the talk in the street, mostly generated through Capo JOHN GOTTI, has indicated that GOTTI would succeed DELLACROCE as the next Underboss. Source believes that this may be wishful thinking on GOTTI's part but that in reality BILOTTI would be the next Underboss.

Source also believes that the aging Consigliere JOE N. GALLO will be replaced by Capo JOSPH ARMONE aka JOE PINEY.

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At 8:00 A.M. on March 8, 1985, Special Agent (SA [redacted]) while attempting to serve an inventory notice on THOMAS GAMBINO, went to the office of ASTRO CARRIERS TRUCKING, 213 West 35th Street, New York City, New York. On entry of the office space, SA [redacted] note the presence of [redacted] of the GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT, AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION of New York City. [redacted] immediately recognized SA [redacted] and announced in a loud voice to everyone present, that SA [redacted] was an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In the office space at the time, besides SA [redacted] and [redacted] were four (4) other individuals, one of whom was later identified as [redacted] of ASTRO CARRIER. Subsequent to [redacted] announcement that SA [redacted] was an FBI Agent, all the individuals except [redacted] and [redacted] departed the office.

SA [redacted] and [redacted] exchanged greetings and [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was at ASTRO CARRIERS to settle a business dispute regarding some contractors of the GREATER BLOUSE, SKIRT, AND UNDERGARMENT ASSOCIATION, who owed money for trucking services performed by ASTRO CARRIERS. SA [redacted] responded by advising [redacted] that it was nice to see him out so early in the morning conducting business. [redacted] then departed the area.

SA [redacted] identified himself to [redacted] and advised that he was awaiting the arrival of Mr. THOMAS GAMBINO.

SA [redacted] asked [redacted] if he was familiar with [redacted] and [redacted] immediately indicated in the affirmative and stated that [redacted] had come to ASTRO CARRIERS regarding some business transactions which needed his attention. [redacted] added that times were quite hard, and that the trucking companies were having a hard time collecting moneies owed to them by people with whom they did business.

[redacted] advised that THOMAS GAMBINO was his partner at ASTRO CARRIERS. [redacted] then placed a telephone call to CONSOLIDATED CARRIERS and told the answering party that SA [redacted] was awaiting the arrival of Mr. GAMBINO.

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By SA [redacted] lmw

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Approximately fifteen (15) minutes later THOMAS GAMBINO called ASTRO CARRIERS to talk to SA [ ] and arrange for a later meeting.

On hearing the above [ ] advised that he had some business to attend to and left the premises.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO, was contacted at the FEITICO Brazilian Restaurant, 25-12 Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York. GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA) [ ] from previous contacts, and after a short greeting the following conversation ensued.

GALLO advised that he was not feeling well and added that he had just recently been released from the hospital suffering from heart problems. He stated that he had been in the hospital approximately two (2) weeks ago for four (4) or five (5) days and was of the opinion that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were fully cognizant of his condition.

GALLO advised that [ ] was now released from prison and was on probation with the Probation Department in Queens, New York. GALLO advised that [ ] was currently in a hospital undergoing surgery which he had needed for some time. Part of the surgery was to correct a nasal deformity and another part concerned a deformity in [ ] rib cage.

GALLO stated that he had had no recent contact with either PAUL CASTELLANO or NEIL DELLACROCE and does not know their condition other than what he has read in newspaper accounts. GALLO was of the opinion that the government's recent prosecution of the so called Mafia was greatly exaggerated and basically motivated by headline sensationalism for political reasons.

GALLO stated that he fully expects to be arrested by the FBI in the near future and advised SA [ ] that if the time comes for GALLO to be arrested that SA [ ] should "bring an ambulance because I will have a heart attack on the spot."

GALLO wanted to know if it was true that all the individuals who were arrested by the FBI on the so called commission case had made the high bails. GALLO was informed that everyone had made bail and apparently had not had too much trouble in doing so. GALLO stated that he was amazed that people like [ ] could have made the high bail and stated that if he was to be arrested that his bail should not be set very high because he could not make more than forty thousand (\$40,000.00)

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By SA [ ] /lmw

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dollars. SA [ ] asked GALLO what he thought of the recent newspaper article concerning JOHN GOTTI's promotion to head the GAMBINO Organized Crime Family. GALLO responded by stating that he did not think much of the article. He also advised that he had not been in contact with JOHN GOTTI to get his reaction.

GALLO went on to state that since his recent illness he has not been in contact with anybody who could fill him in regarding recent FBI activity. GALLO stated [ ] "I don't want to know what's going on. If someone is going to be arrested, I don't want to know anything about it." GALLO wanted to know why the FBI had chosen to arrest all the so called commission people rather than allowing them to surrender with their attorneys. He pointed out that all these individuals were old and sick and none of them would run from any kind of indictment or arrest warrant. GALLO was informed by SA [ ] that this was not necessarily so in as much as [ ] in very similar circumstances had chosen to run. It was also pointed out to GALLO that THOMAS AGRO with whom SA [ ] had personally dealt with and who had also promised SA [ ] that he would never "run" from the FBI, did in fact become a fugitive for over a year after his indictment in Florida. On hearing AGRO's name, GALLO became visibly angry and said to SA [ ] "I'm talking about dealing with a man, [ ] I'm dealing with you like a man, not like that fucking no good has been shit heel". GALLO then asked if AGRO's lawyer was still [ ] and on being informed that he was GALLO expressed amazement that AGRO could afford such an expensive lawyer.

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GALLO was informed by SA [ ] that there was apparently many things going on behind GALLO's back about which GALLO knew nothing. SA [ ] explained that even though GALLO claimed to have no contact with his associates such as CASTELLANO and DELLACROCE, SA [ ] found this very hard to believe. SA [ ] also informed GALLO that people like ANGELO RUGGERIO would like nothing better than to see GALLO, PAUL and NEIL die of natural causes. This would take a considerable amount of pressure off RUGGERIO and the "younger guys" in the GAMBINO LCN family could then take over and operate their narcotics activity as they wished. In response to this, GALLO stated that he was

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still finding it very difficult to believe that ANGELO had involved himself in any narcotics activity. GALLO stated that during his entire life he had been vehemently opposed to any involvement in narcotics and had always told everyone around him that if they were involved in any narcotics activity he had no desire to have any contact with them. GALLO stated that he could not control the actions of individuals when he was not around them, and therefore felt that he could not be implicated in any kind of activity that pertained to narcotics. GALLO added that as far as ANGELO was concerned, he was still on the street and therefore the FBI must not have a very good case to present in court in this matter.

GALLO was served an inventory notice issued by the United States District Court, for the Eastern District of New York. GALLO was advised that his conversations were intercepted on a court authorized intercept pertaining to a recent FBI investigation. GALLO reviewed the inventory notice and noted the dates and asked SA [ ] if the last day of intercept was July 24, 1983? SA [ ] replied in the affirmative, and GALLO wanted to know if it was not a fact that the inventory notice should have been served on GALLO within thirty (30) days of the last date of intercept. SA [ ] replied that if GALLO had any questions regarding the inventory notice, he should contact [ ] the Special Attorney of the Organized Crime Strike Force who had signed the inventory notice.

Above interview lasted from approximately 2 P.M. until 7 P.M. In addition to the above described conversation, SA [ ] and GALLO talked about GALLO's health and several hospital confinements which GALLO had sustained due to his deteriorating heart condition.

SA [ ] and GALLO parted company on very amiable terms.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/1/85

TO : BROOKLYN-QUEENS (183A-2204) (P) (C-16)  
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FROM : SA [REDACTED] (C-16)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO  
RICO (A)  
OO:BQ

On March 26, 1985, [REDACTED] (protect) Special Investigation SDNY, provided the following intelligence information:

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is a shylock associated with JOSEPH N. GALLO.

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] approximately [REDACTED] years old and he is very close to [REDACTED] GALLO'S by the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has lots of money out in shylock loans in the "show district" of New York City.

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March 15, 1985

SA [redacted] (C-16)  
NY File No. 183A-2025

Police Commissioner  
New York City Police Department  
One Police Plaza  
New York, New York 10038

My Dear Commissioner:

It is requested that this office be furnished the  
criminal record of: (last name followed by given name and middle)

Name: GALLO, JOSEPH NICHOLAS

Also Known As:  
Address: 31-85 Crescent Street  
Astoria, New York

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Date of Birth: January 8, 1912

Birthplace:

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

Scars, Tattoos, or Marks:

Social Security Number:

Arrest number or previous arrest: Last PD arrest in Queens,  
NY, 1966

Specific information desired: Need all available police records

Photograph desired:

NO CRIMINAL RECORD  
BY INFORMATION GIVEN  
IDENT. SECT. N.Y.C.P.D.

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Very truly yours,

LEE F. LASTER  
Assistant Director in Charge

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted at the OTB Parlor, 25-12 Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York. GALLO recognized Special Agent (SA), [redacted] from previous contacts and the following conversation ensued:

GALLO was initially very upset and hostile at SA [redacted] and asked "do you have a subpoena for me, then give it to me and get the fuck out of here."

GALLO continued, "You know this is bullshit, you come here with all this bullshit, that paper you gave me last time, I, just tore it up."

SA [redacted] stated that indeed he did have a subpoena for GALLO and proceeded to hand GALLO the document.

GALLO was served at 4:15 PM with a United States District Court (USDC), Grand Jury subpoena directing him to appear on April 19, at 10:00 AM at the USDC, Eastern District of New York to provide voice exemplars and photographs.

GALLO reviewed the subpoena and immediately stated, "I won't go; I won't be there, my attorney will take care of this; I'm a sick man."

SA [redacted] advised that GALLO's failure to comply with this subpoena would result in the same consequences as had befallen ALPHONSE "Funsì" MOSCA. SA [redacted] reminded GALLO that Mr. MOSCA is currently sentenced to jail for approximately 18 months.

SA [redacted] also advised GALLO that he did not appreciate the foul language used by GALLO and that it was totally uncalled for and unnecessary.

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By SA [redacted] nmg

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GALLO at this, seemed to regain some of his composure and stated, "You know [ ] this is the first time in three weeks that I've been down here after one PM and you come by." I was just talking to [ ] and he got scared because he is going to trial soon." GALLO further advised that his earlier conversation with [ ] concerned the upcoming boxing match at Madison Square Garden. [ ] was telling GALLO that he was going to attend this match and "root" for HERNES (Phonetic).

GALLO advised that NEIL DELLACROCE was still a very sick man and to GALLO's knowledge did not leave his residence. GALLO stated that he had not seen [ ] for about four weeks and asked to know how his trial was progressing. GALLO said, "how is [ ] doing, [ ] How does it look?"

SA [ ] stated that he was not aware regarding any new developments concerning [ ] however if [ ] was innocent then he should have nothing to worry about.

SA [ ] then asked GALLO if he had recently seen JOHN GOTTI. GALLO replied in the negative and asked, "Is he out on bail from his last arrest." GALLO also asked if all the other defendants in that case had made bail and if NEIL DELLACROCE had been arrested or taken to the hospital. SA [ ] informed GALLO that since he was not familiar with this particular case he could not honestly answer GALLO's questions.

GALLO asked to know if TOMMY AGRO and ANTHONY RUGGIANO had a trial date set in Florida and if they would be tied together. SA [ ] advised GALLO that the trial date was set at May 30, 1985 and that both AGRO and RUGGIANO would be tied together.

GALLO stated that he would have his Attorney [ ] contact SA [ ] to set up a time to comply with the above served subpoena. SA [ ] and GALLO parted company on amiable terms; the time was 4:37 PM.

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DATE: 4/30/85

TO : SAC, ALBANY

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183A-2025) (P) (C-16)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
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Enclosed for Albany is one (1) photo of UNSUB with  
JOSEPH N. GALLO and [REDACTED]

GALLO, Consigliere of the GAMBINO LCN FAMILY, NYC, has  
been observed on numerous occasions meeting with W/M, UNSUB 50'S,  
heavy set, 5'8", dark hair, glasses.

UNSUB drives 1975 Pontiac NY License [REDACTED] registered  
to [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] ANCRAM HOTEL;  
Ancram NY.

LEAD:

ALBANY

AT KINGSTON, NEW YORK.

Conduct logical investigation at ANCRAM HOTEL to further  
identify [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who drives above vehicle.

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[redacted] presently in the Federal Witness Protection Program, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning allegations of illegal practices and activities occurring within Local 814, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), 3301 38th Avenue, Long Island City, New York, and [redacted] provided the following.

[redacted] was asked if payoffs from employers who had contracts with Local 814, IBT, were kept at Local 814's office at 3301 38th Avenue, Long Island City, New York. [redacted] advised that when payoffs were collected by the various officials or were received in the offices of Local 814, the money was put in envelopes, and the envelopes were placed in a cabinet behind the desk of [redacted] in [redacted] [redacted] advised that the payoffs were periodically split ten ways as follows:

Each official of Local 814 [redacted] and [redacted] would receive a share. A share was also maintained for [redacted] the Genovese faction in the Bronx, and a share for whomever was maintaining [redacted] interests while [redacted] was in jail. The last person whom [redacted] recalled as taking care of [redacted] interest was [redacted]

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[redacted] provided information on what he termed a "hotel deal." He advised that he was approached by [redacted] of Esbit's Delivery Service, 101 Nassau Terminal Road, New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York, telephone number (516) 352-6200. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had a brother, whose name he could not recall, and this brother worked in the hotel industry. [redacted] had [redacted] contact [redacted] about moving some furniture to the Marriott Hotel at 6070 White Plains Road, Terrytown, New York. The purpose of this contact was to make sure that there would be no trouble with the movement of the furniture, and union men would be used but no pension and welfare benefits paid, or if paid, would be very minimal. [redacted] recalled that the men used on this job were Local 814 men who were

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By SAS [redacted] and  
[redacted] FAW/alb

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paid below the prevailing scale and that the men were from a club in Brooklyn, which was run by [redacted]. According to [redacted] instead of the normal \$12.00 an hour installation wage, the men from the club were paid \$5.00 an hour. The result of this deal was a \$4,000.00 payoff to Local 814. [redacted] stated that \$2,000.00 was paid initially, and a second \$2,000.00 was paid in the presence of [redacted]. [redacted] recalled this incident occurred on July 21, 1981, because of an altercation with [redacted] who is from Laborers Local 445, IBT, located at Two Post Street, Yonkers, New York. [redacted] advised that when the move was being made into the Marriott Hotel, CASPERI's Local 445 contested the move, claiming that the companies were under his union's jurisdiction. [redacted] advised that the matter was settled, when he recalled the incident, because of the altercation with Local 445.

[redacted] recalled that prior to the disappearance of [redacted] (phonetic) (Ph), also known as (aka) [redacted] (Ph) was receiving kickbacks because of his "affiliation" with Local 814. [redacted] advised that [redacted] (Ph) was supposedly connected with the South Bronx people. [redacted] (Ph) used to collect money from Joseph Eletto Transfer Company. [redacted] stated that [redacted] (Ph), was in Danamora Federal Penitentiary, where [redacted] was the head of the BONANNO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family. [redacted] told [redacted] to tell [redacted] that money was to go to [redacted] while [redacted] was in jail, out of respect for [redacted], who had disappeared. [redacted] said that [redacted] was sending \$200.00 a month to the Ang-Rob Furniture Delivery Corporation, 1554 Saint (St.) Peter's Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephone number (212) 931-5281. [redacted] was [redacted] and [redacted] would get the checks from [redacted] and send the checks to [redacted] in Florida. After a time, the checks from ELETTO to Ang-Rob stopped. The checks were then coming into Local 814.

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[redacted] said there was an understanding that the checks "would be coming our way." [redacted] stated that he observed one of the office secretaries, [redacted] signing some of the checks which [redacted] had sent. [redacted] did not do anything at this time, but later questioned [redacted] about what was happening with the checks from [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that the money was going to [redacted] [redacted] was designated by [redacted] to watch out for [redacted] interests in Local 814 while [redacted] was in jail. [redacted] further advised that he personally asked [redacted] about these payments, but [redacted] stated that [redacted] as living and that he [redacted] had not received this money. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] whose address was [redacted] New York, was [redacted]

[redacted] of [redacted] According to [redacted] bought a trailer and a car and spent a lot of money on her.

[redacted] related that [redacted] of S. Siskind and Sons, had a contract to move the voting machines for the City of New York. [redacted] recalled that he went to see [redacted] about her contract with the City and to make sure that she would use union men on the job. According to [redacted] told [redacted] that she had already worked the matter out with [redacted] [redacted] further stated that [redacted] became irate and stated that she had paid \$10,000.00 to a politician in order to get the voting machine contract, and she further had to pay \$2,000.00 to the union and \$500.00 apiece to two mechanics she had to maintain to service the machines. According to [redacted] the deal that was struck with the union was for 50 cents a machine, and similar deals were worked out with Deluxe Moving Company and Dahill Moving Company, because they also had contracts with the City to move voting machines. They also had to pay 50 cents a machine kickback to the union.

[redacted] stated that in October or November of 1975, a dispute developed between Local 814 and Local 804, IBT, over Dun-Rite Movers and the Kleinsleep Corporation.

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Dun-Rite Movers had the Kleinsleep contract. At that time, however, [redacted] of Dun-Rite Movers, was attempting to get out of Local 814 and into Local 204. The representatives for Local 204 at that time were [redacted] and [redacted]. Due to this dispute, which was reported by [redacted] to [redacted] there was a meeting at the Showboat Restaurant in Connecticut [redacted] recalled that at this meeting were [redacted]

[redacted] JOSEPH W. CALIC, and an unknown male. As a result of this meeting, it was determined that in April of the following year, Local 814 would get Dun-Rite Movers back and would also get the Kleinsleep account. [redacted] advised that Local 814 did get Dun-Rite Movers but did not get Kleinsleep. [redacted] felt that [redacted] went to [redacted] about this matter, and [redacted] also advised that [redacted] received a \$5,000.00 payoff from Kleinsleep. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] was doing work at Kleinsleep.

During 1974 and 1975, [redacted] advised that Compass Moving and Storage Company, located at 227 Main Street in Hempstead, New York, was having contract troubles with Local 814. The business agent representing the union at that time was [redacted] and [redacted] Compass, [redacted] did not get along, and, consequently, [redacted] pulled the men out of Compass Van Lines and placed them on strike. Compass hired non-union men to replace them, and this became a sore point with the union. [redacted] and [redacted] approached [redacted] and asked him to work out something to get back at Compass Van Lines. [redacted] was requested to have someone do a "torch job" at Compass Van Lines. [redacted] got [redacted] to perform an arson at Compass Van Lines, and [redacted] drove [redacted] out to Compass to survey the scene of the arson. [redacted] was given \$500.00 or \$600.00 from a slush fund maintained in the union by [redacted]

[redacted] recalled that in 1975 or 1976, Viking Moving and Storage Corporation, 59-25 Fresh Meadow Lane, Flushing, New York, complained to [redacted] that Powell

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Moving Company, which was not a local 914 company, was taking away Viking's business. Viking asked [redacted] if someone could do an arson job on Powell. [redacted] related that Viking eventually paid \$500.00 to [redacted] to have the arson performed, and [redacted] related this to [redacted]. [redacted] told [redacted] to get PAY PERMAN to do the job, and [redacted] did, in fact, burn some trucks belonging to [redacted].

In 1976, [redacted] advised that he received a phone call from [redacted] of Local 91, United Crafts Benefits Fund, 64-57 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park. [redacted] told [redacted] that an individual identified as [redacted] (Phonetic) (Ph) took \$5,000.00 from some friends of [redacted] in Connecticut on a deal involving some dresses that [redacted] (Ph) was supposed to deliver, but, in fact, [redacted] (Ph) had never delivered the dresses. [redacted] stated that he told [redacted] to give him a few days to settle the matter. [redacted] then contacted [redacted] and [redacted] (Ph) told [redacted] that he was, in fact, in trouble. [redacted] (Ph) stated that the dresses he owed to the people in Connecticut were still in a warehouse, and he did take the money, but was unable to deliver. [redacted] (Ph) told [redacted] that he would need some help in order to get back the dresses. According to [redacted] the dresses were in a warehouse belonging to Chelsea Warehouse Company in Manhattan. [redacted] (Ph) was a shop steward at this location for Local 914. [redacted] called [redacted] and had [redacted] get in touch with [redacted] (Ph). According to [redacted] and [redacted] (Ph) agreed to work out a deal whereby [redacted] went into the warehouse and held the guard prisoner while the dresses were removed from the warehouse. [redacted] was paid \$2,000.00 for this job. According to [redacted] went into the place and secured the guard, who happened to have a pistol on him. [redacted] related that about 22,000 dresses, worth \$20,000.00, were removed, and [redacted] recalled that the location was at 3243 Broadway. [redacted] related that [redacted] got \$2,000.00, but he never received anything, and he also stated that

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[redacted] (Ph) received another \$5,000.00. [redacted] (Ph) also paid \$1,200.00 to [redacted] and [redacted] because they were aware of the deal involving [redacted] (Ph).

[redacted] also related that while [redacted] (Ph) was a shop steward at Chelsea, he was ghosting individuals at Chelsea (making up names and picking up the checks for these fictitious individuals) and splitting the money he received with [redacted] and [redacted].

Sometime in 1970, according to [redacted] (Ph) was approached and made a deal with an unknown individual who was involved in doing moving work of furniture into hotels. The deal was structured so that Local 814 members would do the work, everything would be done the right way, and a flat rate of \$10,000.00 would be paid to Local 814. Minimal pension and welfare benefits would be paid, or possibly would not be paid at all, and there would be no interference by Local 814. According to [redacted] a dozen of these hotel jobs had been done in the last three to four years. The money was supposed to go half to [redacted] (Ph) and half to the officials of Local 814. [redacted] related,

however, that this money was going directly to [redacted] who was not including it in the fund which was being maintained in Local 814's office, and, consequently, the money was not being split with the other officials. In a few cases, according to [redacted] (Ph) was not even receiving his share from these hotel deals. This resulted in a falling out between [redacted] (Ph) and [redacted] and [redacted] (Ph) became incensed to a point where he went to [redacted] at MFSSINA's club in Maspeth, Queens.

[redacted] (Ph) went there to tell [redacted] that [redacted] was holding back on the money that should have been split among the officials of Local 814. According to [redacted] when [redacted] was confronted about this, he reportedly told [redacted] that the money was being kept in the kitty.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] actually picks up money from County Carpet Enterprise himself. [redacted] advised that there is a shop steward at County Carpet by the name of [redacted] with a telephone number of [redacted]. [redacted] also said that the County Carpet Enterprise number was (516) 352-8715.

In 1979 or 1980, ATC Company, which was a company supposedly controlled by [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] had a sweetheart contract with Local 814. According to [redacted] was paying \$100.00 less per man than the traditional or standard rate in the industry. [redacted] advised that the [redacted] at ATC was an individual named [redacted] and his telephone number, which was a New Jersey telephone, was [redacted].

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[redacted] recalled that in 1970, a deal was worked out between [redacted] (Phonetic) (Ph) of Local 191, IBT, in Connecticut, and [redacted] of Local 814. The deal involved Westbury Transportation. [redacted] of Westbury Transportation, was having trouble with [redacted] of Local 191. An \$8,000.00 payoff was split between [redacted] and [redacted] which allowed Westbury Transportation to do business in Connecticut and in New York, without being hassled by Local 191. [redacted] recalled that many deals involving Local 191, IBT, were worked out at the Pompey Room in Connecticut, telephone number (203) 368-6405.

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JOSEPH M. GALLO; ET AL; RICO(A); OO:NY(BQ).

RE BROOKLYN-QUEENS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED AUGUST 30, 1984.

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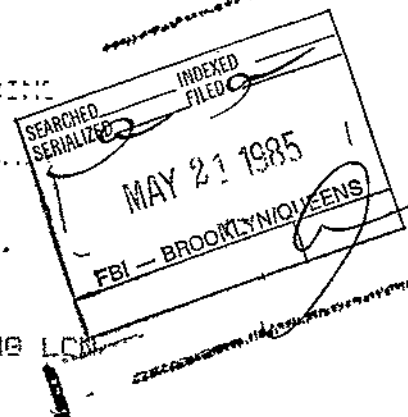
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ASSOCIATES CONTINUES TO DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON MINIMUM  
UTILIZATION OF DISCREET SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE, OFTEN IMPLEMENTED AT  
THE LAST MOMENT UPON SOURCE INFORMATION. RECENT C-16 SQUAD CASE  
ACTIVITIES HAVE PROVEN THAT A VAN TYPE VEHICLE PRODUCES THE OPTIMAL  
"INVESTIGATIVE" RESULTS IN PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEILLANCE OF MEETINGS  
BETWEEN HIGH LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE GAMBINO AND OTHER LCN FAMILIES.

THE PHOTOS HAVE PROVEN CRITICAL IN SEVERAL RECENT  
BROOKLYN-QUEENS CASES AS WELL AS THE NOW NOTORIOUS NYO COMMISSIONER  
CASE.

THE CURRENT CASE FUND OF CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN  
DEPLETED TO A BALANCE OF [REDACTED] RENTAL EXPENSES FOR A VAN TYPE  
VEHICLE, EXCLUSIVE OF GASOLINE COSTS, ARE [REDACTED] PER MONTH.

TO FACILITATE C-16'S ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS BY MEANS OF A VAN  
RENTAL, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE REPLENISHMENT OF  
CAPTIONED CASE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL [REDACTED]

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JOSEPH N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO; OO: BROOKLYN-QUEENS.

REBQTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED 5/20/85.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR NEW YORK TO EXPEND

AN ADDITIONAL [REDACTED] UNDER CASE FUND AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH  
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TO : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ) (183A-2025) (C-16)  
 FROM : SAC, ALBANY (183A-1165) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
 RICO (A);  
 (OO: New York [BQ] )

Re New York airtel to Albany dated 4/30/85.

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence on Cottontail Road, Ancram, New York, 518-329-7621. According to [redacted] the ANCRAM HOTEL in Ancram, New York. [redacted] at one time lived at the hotel and occasionally receives mail there which he in turn forwards to her present address, 23-35 Broadway, Astoria, Long Island, New York, 11106. Her telephone number is [redacted] is living with [redacted] is approximately [redacted] years of age and has a birthday on [redacted]

Because the interview was conducted on a ruse, no further details could be gathered from [redacted]

New York DCJS and Motor Vehicle inquiry on [redacted] revealed the following information:

Name:  
 Address:

Height:  
 Eyes:  
 DOB:  
 Drivers license no.:

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Since further leads are in the New York Division,  
they will be left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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FROM: [REDACTED]

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TO ADIC, NEW YORK (ROUTINE)

ATTN: SA [REDACTED] C-16

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INFORMANT DEVELOPMENT.

RE SEPTEMBER 11, 1985, TELCALL WITH SA [REDACTED]

ALBANY DIVISION, FROM SA [REDACTED] BQ OFFICE CONCERNING

BQ 183A-2025, ENTITLED, "JOE N. GALLO; ET AL; RICO; OO: BQ".

[REDACTED] NEW JERSEY, 07024,

CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] WITH SOURCE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
GARMENT INDUSTRY IN NEW YORK CITY. SOURCE HAS OVER [REDACTED] YEARS

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JOSEPH N. GALLO, was contacted in the area of Broadway and Crescent Street, Astoria, New York. GALLO had just been observed by Special Agent (SA [redacted]) meeting with [redacted] at the BELAIR DINER, 21 Street and Broadway Avenue. GALLO recognized SA [redacted] from previous contacts and after a short greeting the following conversation ensued.

GALLO immediately advised SA [redacted] that he was not feeling well and was having trouble with his teeth. He stated that he was going to see his doctor and possibly be admitted to a hospital on Saturday, September 21, 1985.

GALLO advised that he had heard that both THOMAS AGRO, and ANTHONY RUGGIANO had received heavy jail sentences in their Florida case. GALLO claimed that he did not know the exact sentences of each. GALLO was informed by SA [redacted] that AGRO had received 15 years with a \$25,000 fine and "Fat Andy" RUGGIANO had received 17 years with a \$25,000 fine. GALLO immediately wanted to know if both AGRO and RUGGIANO were going to appeal their sentences. GALLO was advised that apparently this was the case. GALLO was also advised that it was very doubtful that either AGRO or RUGGIANO would have any success in this regard. SA [redacted] stated that in his opinion it appeared that the organized crime activity of both these individuals had been severely curtailed and it was doubtful that either of them would get out of jail in less than 10 years. In AGRO's case, due to his illness, it was questionable if he would live 10 years.

GALLO asked if AGRO's cancer was spreading. He was advised that AGRO's doctor in Florida, has stated to the court that AGRO's cancer operation had been successful, however, there was a chance of cancer reoccurrence of about 40 percent. At the present time AGRO was not undergoing any cancer treatment therapy.

GALLO was asked if he had heard of NEIL DELLACROCE's condition in this regard. GALLO stated that he had not seen NEIL for several weeks and had heard that his situation was deteriorating rapidly. It was GALLO'S understanding that NEIL does not leave his residence except to go to the doctor.

Interviewed on 9/19/85 at Queens, NY

File # NY (BQ183A-2025)-362

By SA [redacted] via

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GALLO was then asked if he had heard that NEIL was becoming senile. GALLO expressed a quiet surprise at this question but stated that he had no knowledge of this and could not give an answer.

GALLO asked SA [ ] what would happen if NEIL was proven too sick to stand trial in a courtroom. SA [ ] advised that it just so happened that NEIL was going to be ordered examined by impartial physicians to determine the severity of his condition. At that point it would be up to the lawyers and judges for any further action.

GALLO advised that he did not expect to see NEIL anytime in the near future. GALLO was asked if he had recently seen or spoken to PAUL CASTELLANO. GALLO replied in the negative stating that he knew that PAUL was extremely occupied regarding his upcoming trial in the Southern District. GALLO had heard that this case had been divided into several separate cases by the presiding judge. GALLO asked if PAUL CASTELLANO would be a subject in each case. GALLO also asked what would happen if PAUL was found innocent at the first trial. SA [ ] replied that it was true that the case was now divided into several smaller cases and stated that as far as he knew, if CASTELLANO was acquitted at his first trial he would still have to face additional trials.

On questioning, GALLO stated that he had not seen [ ] for several weeks. He advised that [ ] had "stopped by" once since his acquittal. GALLO was referring to a federal trial involving [ ] in the Southern District of New York. GALLO continued that due to his own ill health, he very seldom left the neighborhood to visit anyone.

GALLO asked to know if the ANGELO RUGGERIO trial was postponed again until the first of the year. GALLO was informed that this was so and was based largely on the actions of the defendant's lawyers. GALLO was advised that the government was ready to go to trial immediately.

GALLO was again desirous to know how the government could proceed to go to trial in this matter if the defendant's had

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not received copies of the "alleged" tapes in the case. GALLO was informed that the government had more than fulfilled its obligation in this regard, and that the only reason that any of the defendants may not have received tapes in this case was that ANGELO RUGGIERO was preventing them from doing so. GALLO was informed that ANGELO had a very strong motive in delaying the proceedings of this case, namely that of self preservation. GALLO was also informed that it was SA [redacted] opinion that ANGELO would like nothing better than to drag this case out and hope that NEIL, PAUL, and GALLO himself would die before the case went to trial. It was SA [redacted] opinion that if any of the other defendants in this case were not asking to hear the tapes, which ANGELO's attorney had in his possession, then it was due to intimidation and threats from ANGELO, not to do so.

GALLO asked to know what would happened to the government if it was determined that the "tapes were illegally made". SA [redacted] replied that this was exactly what ANGELO was trying to claim at the present time, however, he had virtually no chance of success. In any case the government's case was so strong that even if a few hours of tape were lost due to some ruling, it would not have a great bearing on the final outcome of the defendants guilt or innocence.

GALLO was asked if he had any news regarding the death of JOE "The Jap" ERRIGO. GALLO claimed that he did not know this individual and asked to know who he was associated with. GALLO was informed that ERRIGO was a close associate of [redacted] one of the defendants in ANGELO's case. Both ERRIGO and [redacted] retired postal worker, were arrested in a subsequent narcotics investigation. GALLO expressed surprise that [redacted] was a retired postal worker. GALLO was informed that due to the recent completion of sentences of AGRO and RUGGIERO in Florida, further investigation relative to this case was going to focus on New York. For one thing some of the COLOMBO people, including [redacted] and [redacted] are due to go to trial soon, regarding their participation in a bribery scheme which involved AGRO. In this regard GALLO was informed that SA [redacted] was also going to have to do some further investigations concerning the allegations that GALLO himself was somehow involved in attempting to bribe officials to get [redacted]

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[ ] released from prison. GALLO immediately became very belligerent and hostile. He stated that he would not stand by idle to see his family involved in some ridiculous assertions of bribery. GALLO advised that it was totally ludicrous to believe that he would have been stupid enough to actually believe that anyone outside the President or the Governor of New York could have actually helped get [ ] released from prison. GALLO stated that he would have never "gone along" with any such scheme simply because he knew that it could not be done. GALLO reminded SA [ ] that he had mentioned the ridiculousness of this assertion at a prior meeting when some such allegation had been printed in a Florida newspaper.

GALLO was advised that it was SA [ ] intention to conduct his necessary investigation in this matter as discretely as possible and that SA [ ] was interested only in the true facts. SA [ ] pointed out that GALLO was actually fortunate in having SA [ ] personally convey the investigation possibilities of this matter to him rather than "stirring the water" by going to interview numerous innocent parties. SA [ ] gave as an example the fact that he had not gone directly to [ ] to obtain any information and, therefore, had not arouse any undue interest on the part of the parole people.

GALLO on hearing this became calm again and asked what kind of information SA [ ] was seeking.

GALLO was informed that the so called favors aspect of the Miami case involved AGRO's and [ ] dealings in bribing officials to perform favors in moving prisoners. GALLO was advised that the [ ] matter involved one such bribe where money was delivered to [ ] by JOEY CATALDO, brother of COLOMBO soldier, DOMINICK CATALDO. The investigation that centered on [ ] involved recorded conversations in which AGRO, [ ] talked of GALLO's knowledge regarding a favor for [ ]

GALLO immediately interjected and asked SA [ ] if the

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FBI had taped conversations of himself with AGRO or [redacted] discussing this favor. SA [redacted] replied that to his knowledge there were no such conversations recorded, however, this did not mean that some investigation was not warranted. There was also the possibility that [redacted] may make the assertions that they personally talked to GALLO about this matter and that recordings were not possible. GALLO immediately became visibly excited and asked if AGRO was making this assertion. GALLO was informed that this seemed to be the general of consenses of opinion.

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GALLO stated that if AGRO is making any such statement, he is a liar and a swindler. GALLO added [redacted] "I swear that I had no knowledge about anything that TOMMY was doing". GALLO continued that he had severed his relationship with AGRO, after AGRO, against GALLO's advice, had married a "nigger". GALLO could not recall the name of this individual but stated that this female had been a bunny at the NEW YORK PLAYBOY CLUB. GALLO stated that this act proved to him that AGRO was indeed "crazy" and needed psychiatric help. GALLO advised that the government did not need hidden tape recording devices to find out what AGRO was saying, all they had to do was stand across the street from the phone AGRO was using. AGRO would shout loud enough for everyone to hear.

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GALLO reiterated that if AGRO or [redacted] were making any assertions that GALLO was involved in any illegal dealings attempting to get [redacted] released from prison and claiming that they had talked to GALLO about it, GALLO would prove that they were both liars and then would sue the government. GALLO stated that since he knew that nothing legal could be done for [redacted] he would not be foolish enough to attempt anything illegally and thereby jeopardize any chances of [redacted]. He stated that he had exhausted every possible legal avenue in this regard. GALLO believes that [redacted] harsh prison sentence was simply an act of revenge by New York authorities against GALLO himself. GALLO added that in any event, since nothing was ever done, for [redacted] as claimed by AGRO and [redacted] there was no case to pursue.

SA [redacted] informed GALLO that just because there were no final results in a bribery case, did not mean that the acts

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committed in pursuit of such illegal results were totally irrelevant. To the contrary overt acts committed in pursuit of such a bribery scheme could all add up to a conspiracy charge of the various individuals involved although the final act was never accomplished. SA [ ] pointed out that in GALLO's case there were allegations that AGRO had received monies from GALLO which were transported to Florida and placed in an escrow account. These monies were to be used to further the bribery scheme. Any individual involved with the obtainment of this money and its transportation was a target of a conspiracy and bribery investigation.

GALLO immediately stated [ ] if TOMMY is saying that he got \$20,000.00 from me to help [ ] he is a liar". "If he got \$20,000.00, where is it? When you see him, [ ] ask him to give it back to me since he did not help me".

GALLO was asked by SA [ ] how he happened to know the amount in question was \$20,000.00.

GALLO expressed surprise and then defensively stated that either SA [ ] himself had told him of this amount in an earlier conversation or he had read it in one of the Florida newspapers.

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SA [ ] replied that he did not recall ever mentioning this specific amount as relative to GALLO and did not recall reading this amount mentioned in any news account regarding this matter.

GALLO claimed that he could not recall where or how he had heard of this amount. SA [ ] then informed GALLO that he would have to interview at least 2 other people regarding this investigation. One was [ ] and the other was [ ] SA [ ] also informed GALLO that he wanted to accomplish this in the most discreet and low keyed manner possible. SA [ ] stated to GALLO that he believed GALLO was telling him the truth about his involvement, however, he still had to pursue the investigation to the complete satisfaction of the United States Attorneys. SA [ ] advised GALLO that as long as everyone was truthful and forthright then there would be no

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problems with unnecessary embarrassment and inconvenience to either [ ] or to [ ]

[ ] GALLO advised that if this was the case he would talk to [ ] and make him available to SA [ ] for interview.

GALLO stated that [ ] was a very close personal friend of his who lived in Connecticut. GALLO recalled that [ ] had visited [ ] in prison on several occasions at the behest of GALLO. GALLO explained that often times he was too ill to go see [ ] or needed someone to drive him. Since [ ] had a relative in the same jail with [ ] early on, volunteered to assist GALLO regarding visitation. GALLO accepted his offer.

GALLO on questioning stated that he did not know how to contact [ ] in Connecticut however, he knew that [ ] called [ ] at work and in fact was due to call him in the next couple of days.

GALLO stated that he would have [ ] tell [ ] to contact SA [ ] in Connecticut to meet and be interviewed regarding this matter. GALLO asked SA [ ] to give him a telephone number in Connecticut where [ ] could contact him. GALLO was aware of the fact that SA [ ] resided in Connecticut. SA [ ] made available to GALLO his home telephone number in Norwalk, Connecticut.

GALLO stated that he would make sure that [ ] contacted SA [ ] at home. GALLO advised that he believed that [ ] was not currently living at his home residence due to marital problems.

SA [ ] and GALLO parted company on very amiable terms.

The above interview lasted from 2:45 P.M. to 4:20 P.M.

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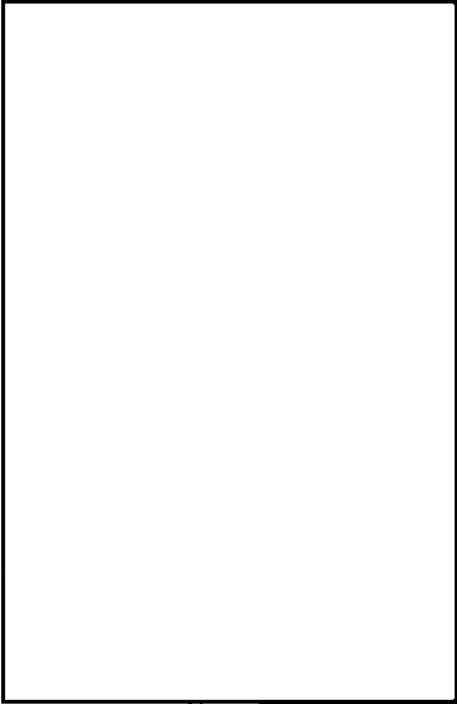
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JOSEPH N. GALLO, was contacted in the area of Broadway Avenue and Crescent Street, Astoria, New York. On contacting GALLO, Special Agent (SA) [ ] greeted him and asked him if GALLO had time for a cup of coffee. GALLO immediately turned to SA [ ] and in a very loud voice called SA [ ] a bum, a son-of-a-bitch, a mother fucker, and a no good cock sucker. GALLO advised that he did not want to talk to SA [ ] and stated that he had contacted his lawyer who had also advised GALLO that he should not talk to SA [ ]

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SA [ ] asked GALLO why it was necessary to revert to using foul language at which time GALLO again at the top of his voice started yelling obscenities at SA [ ] while at the same time shaking his finger and pointing it in SA [ ] face.

At this point SA [ ] and GALLO were crossing Broadway Avenue to the northside of the street in the direction of GALLO's residence on Crescent Street. It was obvious that a number of people in the immediate area had overheard GALLO'S loud beratement of SA [ ] and were now looking in the direction of SA [ ] eagerly awaiting further tirades. GALLO continued to call SA [ ] a bum, a cocksucker, and a son-of-a-bitch. At this time SA [ ] advised GALLO that it had been his intention to avoid any possibility of [ ] violation of parole in this matter. And as soon as this subject was bought up GALLO started to scream "go ahead and violate him, go ahead and violate him, and then you'll see what I'll do".

SA [ ] again stated that he was very offended that GALLO was using such profanity and pointed out the fact that many of GALLO's friends in the neighborhood were now observing this whole conversation. GALLO advised in a very loud voice that he had nothing further to say to SA [ ] and again repeated a tirade of profanities. At this point SA [ ] replied that GALLO was as well a cocksucker, and a bum, and a son-of-a-bitch, and that he was just as low as THOMAS AGRO on the totem pole of organized crime. This was said in a loud enough voice for those in the immediate vicinity to hear.

SA [ ] then in a very loud voice dressed down GALLO

Interviewed on 10/1/85 at Queens, NY

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By SA [ ]

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advising him that he was a man without honor who's word was no good. SA [ ] reminded GALLO that GALLO had promised to have [ ] call him and this had not happened. SA [ ] stated that apparently GALLO was to ineffective or not respected at all if he had to make a promise which he could not keep. GALLO was visibly taken aback at this and started to explain that [ ] had not made any contact with either himself or [ ] and, therefore, he had not been able to pass a message. SA [ ] told GALLO that if GALLO expected SA [ ] to believe this he must think that SA [ ] is stupid. GALLO again replied that he had no contact with [ ] GALLO then immediately switched to talking of [ ] and advised that [ ] does not want to talk to you either".

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GALLO advised that the only way that SA [ ] could pursue any further investigations in this regard, is to issue subpoenas to the appropriate people.

SA [ ] again in a very loud voice advised GALLO that he had lost all honor, that he was a man who could not be trusted and that his word was worth shit.

At this point there were approximately 25 to 30 people in the immediate area of Broadway and Crescent Street who were looking in the direction of the conversation. Included in the gathering was a marked police car from the local precinct. SA [ ] turned and walked away from GALLO and did not observe any further acts on the part of GALLO.

The above conversation took place from 4:32 to 4:37 P.M.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was observed at 1:19 PM, sitting on a chair outside of 25-12 Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York. Sitting with GALLO on an adjacent chair was [redacted]. They were seated on the sidewalk in front of George Custom Tailor, telephone number (718) 932-6539.

GALLO and [redacted] were observed until 2:45 at which time it started to rain and GALLO walked to Sperrazzas Luncheonette, corner of Broadway and Crescent Street.

During the above time period GALLO was observed to converse with a number of individuals including [redacted] who stopped by. GALLO was also observed to light up and smoke at least five cigarettes during this period.

GALLO appeared to be in his usual good health.

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By SA [redacted] nmq

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# Memorandum



To : BROOKLYN-QUEENS MRA  
(183A-2139)

Date 10/28/85

From : SUPV. [REDACTED] (C-16)

Subject :

RICO (A)  
OO:NY(BQ)

On 10/28/85, SA [REDACTED] Bridgeport RA, advised that he had located a new residence for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is living with a girlfriend and daughter at apartment [REDACTED] Connecticut. He is utilizing an alias of [REDACTED] and has indicated that he is employed as a [REDACTED] in New York City. His home telephone number is [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] further advised that his office plans to subpoena [REDACTED] toll records to see if he is using the phone to call other LCN figures. He also plans to conduct surveillances in effort to cover possible meetings with JOE N. GALLO and other LCN members. He requested that this subpoena be held in abeyance until they have learned more about [REDACTED] activities. The writer agreed with his request and SA [REDACTED] will confirm the above by airtel.

It is noted that [REDACTED] is driving a brown Chevrolet Citation with New Jersey license [REDACTED]

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On November 20, 1984 [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] a soldier in the GENOVESE Family, had recently met with JOE N. GALLO of the GAMBINO Family in Queens, New York.

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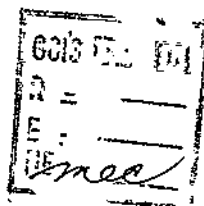
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On 1/21/86, SA [redacted] New Haven Division, advised that [redacted] is "on the lam" as a result of a "heavy" subpoena for him in New York. [redacted] has moved out of his apartment and SA [redacted] has no idea as to his whereabouts. He also stated that [redacted] has fallen out of favor as a result of JOE N. GALLO's problems.

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RE: [REDACTED]

RICO (A)

OO: NY(BQ)

On December 23, 1985, [REDACTED] advised that the funeral of TOMMY BILOTTI was closed to only relatives and very close friends.

Source advised that both BILOTTI and PAUL CASTELLANO were buried in an unconsecrated cemetery on Staten Island, New York.

Source advised that the GAMBINO family is currently divided into to factions, one faction led by JOHN GOTTI and the other faction consisting of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Source advised that it is possible that members of the GENOVESE family could have been involved in the murders of CASTELLANO and BILOTTI.

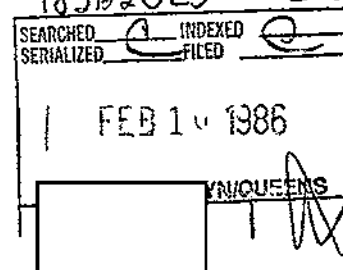
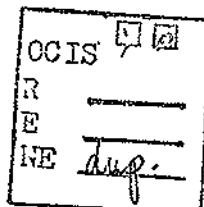
Source stated that [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] had recently returned from Florida approximately one week before the murders.

Source stated that FRANK PURDUE recently wanted to cut out PETE CASTELLANO from the distribution of Purdue chickens in the New York City area. CASTELLANO took exception to this and had all of PURDUE'S products removed from the WALBAUMS stores in the New York City area.

Source advised that [REDACTED] recently purchased and is driving a brand new black Rolls Royce.

Source advised that he has heard that at least three Lincolns were used in commission of the aforementioned murders and that as many as ten or twelve people may have been involved in the actual murders.

Source stated that it is customarily known that [REDACTED] went to JOE GALLO on behalf of CARLO GAMBINO and requested to have ALBERT ANASTIA killed. Source advised that [REDACTED] is married to CARLO GAMBINO's [REDACTED]



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[redacted] (Protect Identity) was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] on December 19, 1985. Also present during some points of the interview was Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]. [redacted] was apprised that he was to be questioned regarding his knowledge of [redacted]. [redacted] was advised that it was his prerogative to answer only those questions he wished to, and or to terminate the interview at any time. After which, [redacted] made several statements, some of which are as follows:

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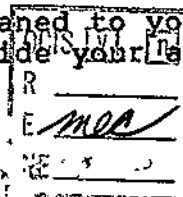
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By SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] G/mmd

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ON EVE OF GOTTI TRIAL

# Feds target Gambino son

By JERRY CAPECI

Daily News Staff Writer

On the eve of the murder and racketeering trial of reputed Gambino crime family boss John Gotti, federal prosecutors are closing in on Thomas Gambino and much of the hierarchy of the crime family bearing his father's name.

Gambino, 58, a reputed Gambino capo, is the oldest son of the late Mafia don, Carlo Gambino, and the nephew of the elder Gambino's successor, Paul Castellano.

Thomas Gambino has no criminal record, but now is a key target of a probe by a federal grand jury in Brooklyn, according to sources in the federal Justice Department.

The nearly completed probe of Thomas Gambino's affairs is unrelated to charges against Gotti, who goes on trial today with six co-defendants in Brooklyn Federal Court.

Gotti reportedly assumed control of the crime family following the gangland-style execution last year of Castellano and Castellano's key aide, Thomas Bilotti, according to law enforcement officials and underworld sources.

Justice Department officials said Gambino and the crime family's consigliere, Joseph N. Gallo, are the key targets of the grand jury investigation.

Sources said the investigation by the Organized Crime Strike Force has uncovered evidence of extortion and loan-sharking activities by Gambino and Gallo stemming from their involvement with the Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association, a garment industry trade group.

About 700 contractors belong to the trade group, which negotiates industrywide wage packages with the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union.

Gallo, 73, is a former business representative of the trade group. A woman who answered the phone last week at the association's headquarters said no one would be available to answer questions until this coming Thursday, at the earliest.

Law enforcement sources said more than eight other reputed Gambino family mobsters also are targets of the probe.

Reached at his office at Consolidated Carriers Corp., Gambino declined to discuss the case and referred a Daily News reporter to his attorney, Michael Rosen.

## 'Prestigious'

Rosen said he knows nothing about the investigation and called Gambino "one of the most prestigious, law-abiding businessmen that this city has ever had."

However, Gambino, of Lido Beach, L.I., was described, in a 1982 report by State Sen. Franz Leichter (D-Manhattan), as "the major power in the Garment District." Leichter's report was titled, "Sweatshops to Shakedown: Organized Crime in New York's Garment Industry."

The report said Gambino had "numerous business relationships and contacts with persons who are organized crime figures," owns many manufacturing companies and "controls a large number of trucking firms" in the Garment District.

## 'We have to join'

One contractor quoted in the report said of the Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association: "We have to join, and we have to pay \$50 a month dues. If we don't, we don't get any work."

Sources said authorities overheard discussions between Gambino and Gallo secretly recorded by the FBI at Castellano's Staten Island home from March 24 to July 24, 1983.

The grand jury already has returned two indictments, including one charging reputed Gambino mobster Alfonso Mosca with criminal contempt for refusing to provide the grand jury with voice samples. Mosca, 51, is scheduled for trial next month before Brooklyn Federal Judge Mark Costantino.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO was contacted in front of 25-10 Broadway Avenue, Astoria, New York; present with GALLO was [redacted]

Both GALLO and [redacted] recognized Special Agent (SA) [redacted] from prior contacts.

GALLO, although not abusive in language, was obviously hostile in his demeanor toward SA [redacted]

GALLO was served a UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT subpoena, commanding his presence on April 8, 1986 at the UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE, Brooklyn, New York.

GALLO accepted service of the subpoena and indicated that he would comply with its order.

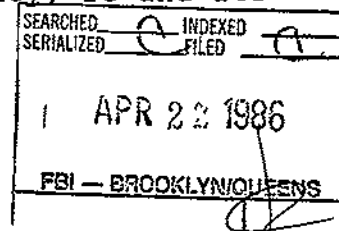
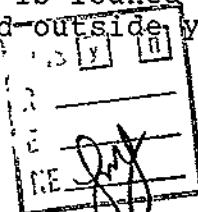
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On 4/14/86, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

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Regarding the April 13th car bombing of GAMBINO Underboss FRANK DE CICCIO's vehicle, which left DE CICCIO dead and "FRANKIE HART" BELINO critically injured, source had no direct knowledge of the incident and it was too soon to have heard any conversation regarding possible suspects.

However, at this point, source theorized that the hit may have been ordered by GAMBINO Consigliere JOE N. GALLO, who has not been getting along with JOHN GOTTI, the self-proclaimed Boss of the Family.

Furthermore, although GALLO was a lot closer to the late NEIL DELLACROCE than to the late PAUL CASTELLANO, GALLO always respected CASTELLANO for his traditional LCN values and it became apparent to most that DE CICCIO, one of CASTELLANO's most trusted Capos, set him and TOMMY BILOTTI up to be killed by GOTTI. Source does not believe GALLO sanctioned the CASTELLANO/BILOTTI hits.

GALLO has men in his own crew perfectly capable of and willing to do a contract job, so GALLO would not have had to do any outside recruiting in order to take out DE CICCIO.

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# CAR-BOMBED MOBSTER SET UP BIG PAUL'S MIDTOWN HIT



FRANK DeCICCO  
Got the message.

By CARL A. PELACCI,  
JOHN E. MURRAY  
& CYNTHIA FAGEN

FRANK DeCicco, the Gambino family underboss killed by a car bomb in Brooklyn Sunday, has been identified

by Post sources as the man who hired Gambino chief Paul (Big Paul) Castellano to his death last year.

Castellano and his hand-picked successor, Thomas Bilotti,

were gunned down last Dec. 16 in front of Sparks Steak House in Manhattan.

The murders allowed John Gotti to assume command of the notorious crime

family.

Gotti, in turn, chose DeCicco, 30, as his second in command.

Detectives investigating the Castellano murder disclosed last night that evidence in-

dicates DeCicco arranged for Castellano to pay his fatal visit to the restaurant.

"DeCicco was a trusted friend who set Castellano up for the hit," one investigator said.

According to other sources, Gotti himself may now be marked for death in retribution for Castellano's murder.

The Gambino crime war has become a threat to other family dons, intelligence sources have revealed.

His assassination may already have been ordered by the Mafia's "Commission" — the leaders of the four other New York families.

The car bombing in Bensonhurst was a warning to Gotti that his reign was near an end, the sources said.

The sources said the old-guard Mafia dons fear that if Gotti is allowed to stay in power they may be assassinated and replaced by Gotti's hand-picked successors.

The other crime bosses also are worried about Gotti's alleged intimidation of witnesses and jurors in recent state and federal cases against him, the sources said.

They think much

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New York Post Kevin Cahill

Frank DeCicco's mangled car, stored in Brooklyn's 68th Pct. garage yesterday, was rigged with a bomb as powerful as three sticks of dynamite. DeCicco was blown to bits when he reached into the glove compartment.

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# SLAIN MOBSTER SET UP CASTELLANO HIT

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brazen pressure on the judicial system — similar to Al (Scarface) Capone's actions during the Prohibition era — will bring tougher crackdowns on regular mob activities, the sources said.

There was a strong feeling among mob experts that the Castellano killing may not have been ordered by the Commission, but instead was a unilateral decision by the Gotti faction within the Gambino mob.

Killings of Mafia bosses traditionally have been sanctioned only by a ruling of the Commission.

Joseph Gallo, 74, the consigliere, or counsel to the Gambino family, still has a powerful hand in the family.

Sources believe that Gallo, who was originally third in rank, may have joined in the decision with other old line leaders of the other families to eliminate

Gallo is a longtime associate of the other mob leaders, including Anthony (Fat Tony) Salerno, boss of the Genovese family; Bonanno family boss Phillip Rastelli; Luchese boss Antonio (Tony Ducks) Corallo, and Jerry Langella, acting boss of the Colombo family.

The bomb went off on 86th Street minutes after DeCicco and a reputed Luchese family soldier, Frank Bellino, left the

"Veterans and Friends Inc." social club on 86th St. at Bay Eighth St.

The blast, with an estimated force of three sticks of dynamite, came as DeCicco opened the passenger door of a 1985 four-door Buick and reached in the glove compartment for business cards.

Bellino, the secretary of a local cement workers union, was critically wounded while standing nearby on the sidewalk.

At a press conference yesterday afternoon, chief of detectives Richard Nicastro said the bomb was attached to the undercarriage of the car on

the passenger side.

He said "At this point we don't know how the device was detonated."

"The investigation is just getting off the ground," Nicastro said, noting that detectives were examining traces of the explosives.

Speaking of the blast, Nicastro added: "Obliquely or tangentially, it's a blow at Gotti."

Asked if he would be interviewing Gotti, Nicastro said: "I imagine in the near future we will."

He said investigators also hope to question Joe Bilotti, brother of Castellano's slain underboss.

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JOSEPH N. GALLO, in response to receipt of a subpoena and accompanied by his attorney [redacted] appeared at the offices of Special Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY), Brooklyn, New York (NY).

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GALLO recognized SA [redacted] from prior contacts. GALLO was prepared to submit handwriting exemplars as well as to be fingerprinted.

At the outset of the meeting, Attorney [redacted] advised that he was under a time constraint as he had a scheduled court appearance at 11:30 AM.

Handwriting exemplars commenced at approximately 10:06 AM and concluded at 10:48 AM. Fourteen pages of handwriting exemplars were obtained and are retained as evidence.

Fingerprinting was conducted at the United States (US) Marshal Lock-up, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), and concluded at 11:28 AM.

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Assisting in the fingerprinting process was SA [redacted] who was introduced to both GALLO and [redacted].

During the handwriting exemplar phase, JOSEPH GALLO became very upset and angered when he was asked to print the phrase "N.Y. State Prison" (page 7). GALLO, in a loud voice, accused SA [redacted] of trying to [redacted] and demanded to know what NY State had to do with the Federal Judicial System. GALLO had to be urged by [redacted] to continue the handwriting exemplar and [redacted] added that what the FBI wanted in handwriting was "all bullshit anyway."

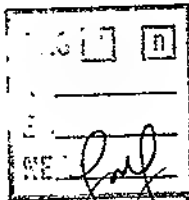
Prior to the above outburst, GALLO had provided six pages of handwriting consisting of his name, the numbers one through 10 and the phrase "Federal Law" with no outward emotion.

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In continuing the handwriting exemplars, the next phrase, GALLO was asked to write was the word "Rockefeller." GALLO asked [ ] to spell this word for him.

The handwriting exemplars were then concluded in an expeditious manner due to the fact that [ ] was anxious to be on time for his court appointment.

Prior to departing for the fingerprint session, GALLO was assured by SA [ ] that [ ] was not the subject of any investigation conducted by SA [ ]

[ ] Enroute to the US Marshal Lock-up, GALLO was asked by SA [ ] if he had read an article in the Monday, NY papers regarding his and THOMAS GAMBINO's alleged involvement in the Greater Blouse, Skirt and Undergarment Association. GALLO replied in the affirmative and stated [ ] it's all bullshit, all bullshit, what do they want with me?"

GALLO was also asked to comment on his recent appearance in a NBC Special where he was photographed meeting with JOHN GOTTI, JOSEPH ARMONE and FRANK DE CICCIO at the Helmsley Palace Hotel.

GALLO did not respond to this inquiry, just shrugged his shoulders.

GALLO, SA [ ] and SA [ ] parted company on amiable terms.

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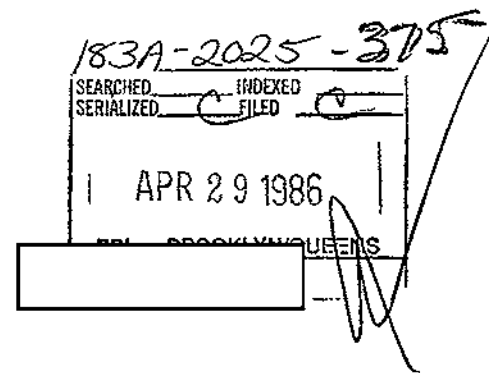
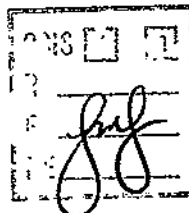
On 4/16/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Regarding the bombing of FRANKIE DE CICCIO's car, source speculated that JOE N. GALLO may have been responsible, although he had no proof. He further speculated that if the bomb was attached to the undercarriage of the automobile, that it was probably put there the night before, Saturday, when DE CICCIO and his [redacted] went out to dinner, as is their custom.

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If not, then it was rigged up later that night as DE CICCIO's car was parked in his driveway, since he does not have a garage.

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On 1/13/86, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had two meets on 1/10/86. The first was at JOE IDA'S SOCIAL CLUB, in Manhattan, and the second was at the ST. MORITZ.

[REDACTED] got out of his car and walked through the PARK LANE HOTEL into the ST. MORITZ where he met JOHN GOTTI, FRANK DE CICCIO and JIMMY ROTONDO at about 1:00PM. Some of the participants noticed that they were being watched by persons they believed to be law enforcement.

GOTTI apparently had to straighten out TOMMMY LOMBARDI after a major altercation. LOMBARDI fell into line. There was information that the CASTELLANO hit was almost a war zone. More than 10 guys were in the arear prepared for anything.

There was talk that GOTTI will probably get the "Big Crown" this week. That is to be the head of the five families. His only competition seems to be JOE N. GALLO of the Gambino Family. It is not known where or when a meeting will take place this week. [REDACTED] is going down to Florida for a few days, but whether the meeting will be there not known.

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On 5/8/86 several spot checks were conducted in the vicinity of Crescent St and Broadway in Astoria in order to determine the whereabouts of Joe. M. Galt. At approximately 12:15 PM Galt was observed entering the Lito Coffee shop directly across from the OTB Parlor on Broadway. After conversing with one of the coffee shop employees, Galt then crossed the street where he was observed in conversation with several unidentified individuals. After several minutes Galt then crossed Broadway a second time and proceeded towards the Coffee shop.

It should be noted that although the writer was in the area at 10:30 AM, Galt did not appear until 12:15 PM.

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On 4/24/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted] of the BQMRA:

Source stated that [redacted] JOSEPH GALLO's [redacted] has been around for a long time and has political connections in New York City that make him valuable to GALLO.

[redacted] "pays under the table" for law enforcement information which he provides to the LCN. This is the only reason that GALLO keeps [redacted]

[redacted] would be killed if he ever crossed the "wise guys."

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On 4/24/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted] of the BQMRA:

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JOSEPH ARMONE aka PINEY is very concerned regarding recent law enforcement activity against various members of the GAMBINO LCN Family. ARMONE is convinced that there is a "stool pigeon" within the "inner circle" of the GAMBINO LCN Family. ARMONE, GOTTI, and GALLO, who are currently "running" the Family are attempting to identify anyone within the ranks who may be cooperating with law enforcement. These persons, when identified will be killed immediately.

All indications are that the GAMBINO LCN Family is preparing for "war" with whoever is responsible for the recent "hit" on FRANK DE CICCIO. When the "war" starts, there will be no regard for any law enforcement officers who may get in the way of a planned "hit."

Source believes that PINEY gave his "OK" for the hit on PAUL CASTELLANO and THOMAS BILOTTI.

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## Court Aide and 15 Others Indicted In Move Against Gambino Group

By SELWYN RAAB

For eight years, a clerk in the Federal Courthouse in Manhattan passed confidential information about organized-crime cases to members of the Gambino crime family, Federal prosecutors charged yesterday.

The charge that the Gambino family had infiltrated a Federal courthouse was contained in a racketeering and conspiracy indictment of 16 people, including a group the Federal law-enforcement authorities said was "the ruling hierarchy of the Gambino organized-crime family."

According to one count in the indictment, the clerk, Mildred Russo, conspired from 1975 to 1983 with Gambino family leaders, including the late boss of the family, Paul Castellano, to obtain information about secret grand jury matters and other criminal proceedings.

### Clerk Arrested at Home

Mrs. Russo was charged with being a conspirator with her son-in-law, Augustus Sclafani, who was identified as being associated in criminal activities with the Gambino group.

The stolen information was used to help organized-crime members flee to avoid arrest and prosecution, the indictment asserted. Mrs. Russo, who is 66 years old, was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 7 A.M. at her home at 20 Mulberry

Street, a few blocks from the courthouse in Foley Square.

The indictment of the 16 people, including Mrs. Russo, was issued by a Federal grand jury in Brooklyn yesterday. She was also indicted by a Federal

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Joseph N. Gallo, far left, and Angelo Ruggiero, far right, as they were led into Federal Court in Brooklyn.

## A Court Clerk and 15 Others Indicted in Mob Case

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grand jury in Manhattan on related charges.

The jury in Brooklyn charged that over the last 20 years in the metropolitan area members of the Gambino group participated in murders, extortion, a \$1 million diamond robbery, loan-sharking, labor racketeering, bribery of officials, illegal gambling and obstruction of justice.

Part of the evidence for the indictments came from an electronic eavesdropping device planted in Mr. Castellano's home on Staten Island, law-enforcement officials said.

Reena Raggi, the United States Attorney in Brooklyn, said victims ranged from officials in major companies who were extorted for bribes for labor peace to the owners of "mom and pop" video game stores who were threatened with violence unless they used coin-operated videos supplied by mobsters.

The indictments came after a five-year investigation of the Gambino group, which the Justice Department has publicly described as the largest and most powerful Mafia, or La Cosa Nostra, family in the country.

The Federal grand jury described one of the defendants, Joseph N. Gallo, who is 74 years old, as counselor in the Gambino organization. Five other defendants — Joseph Armone, 69; Joseph Zingaro, 74; and Robert DiBernardo, 51 — were labeled as captains of major crews.

Mr. DiBernardo, who authorities said supervised the distribution of pornographic materials for the family, has been missing since June 5. Law-enforcement officials said they believed he had been slain.

The officials said privately that Mr. Armone, although he was identified in the indictment as a captain, was recently promoted to the post of acting underboss by John Gotti. Mr. Gotti has been identified by the Justice Department as the boss or head of the family. He is in jail awaiting trial in a separate Federal case in Brooklyn on racketeering charges.

"It would be an understatement to say we've broken the back of this crime family," the head of the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force, Edward McDonald, said at a news conference. "But today's indictment will have a significant impact on the group's ability to function."

In addition to the Federal racketeering charges in Brooklyn, Mrs. Russo was indicted in Federal District Court in Manhattan on three counts of obstruction of justice and conspiracy to obstruct justice. She was named in the indictment along with her son-in-law, Mr. Sclafani, and Mr. Corneo and Mr. Failla, who prosecutors said are captains in the family.

The Manhattan indictment said Mrs. Russo provided information about sealed charges in 1983 against Al. Persico Jr., the brother of Carmine Persico, who authorities main-

tain is the head of Colombo organized crime group in the city.

Rudolph W. Giuliani, the United States Attorney in Manhattan, said Mrs. Russo also was charged with stealing information about a "planted," or spurious, indictment in 1983 that was concocted as part of an investigation into her activities.

Mrs. Russo has worked as a clerk in the courthouse since 1972, and her current salary is \$23,000 a year. In 1983, she was transferred from the criminal division to the civil division of the court after she came under suspicion, Mr. Giuliani said.

"Sealed indictments are crucial," Mr. Giuliani said. "In organized-crime cases not only is there the possibility that the defendant will flee but the indictments are sealed to protect witnesses from the possibility of being harmed."

These others linked to the Gambino family were indicted yesterday:

Thomas Aron, 35, currently in custody in Miami, awaiting trial on loan-sharking and racketeering charges, identified as a member.

John J. DiStasio, 45, of 217 Brantley Avenue, New York, identified as a member.

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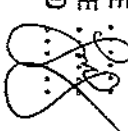
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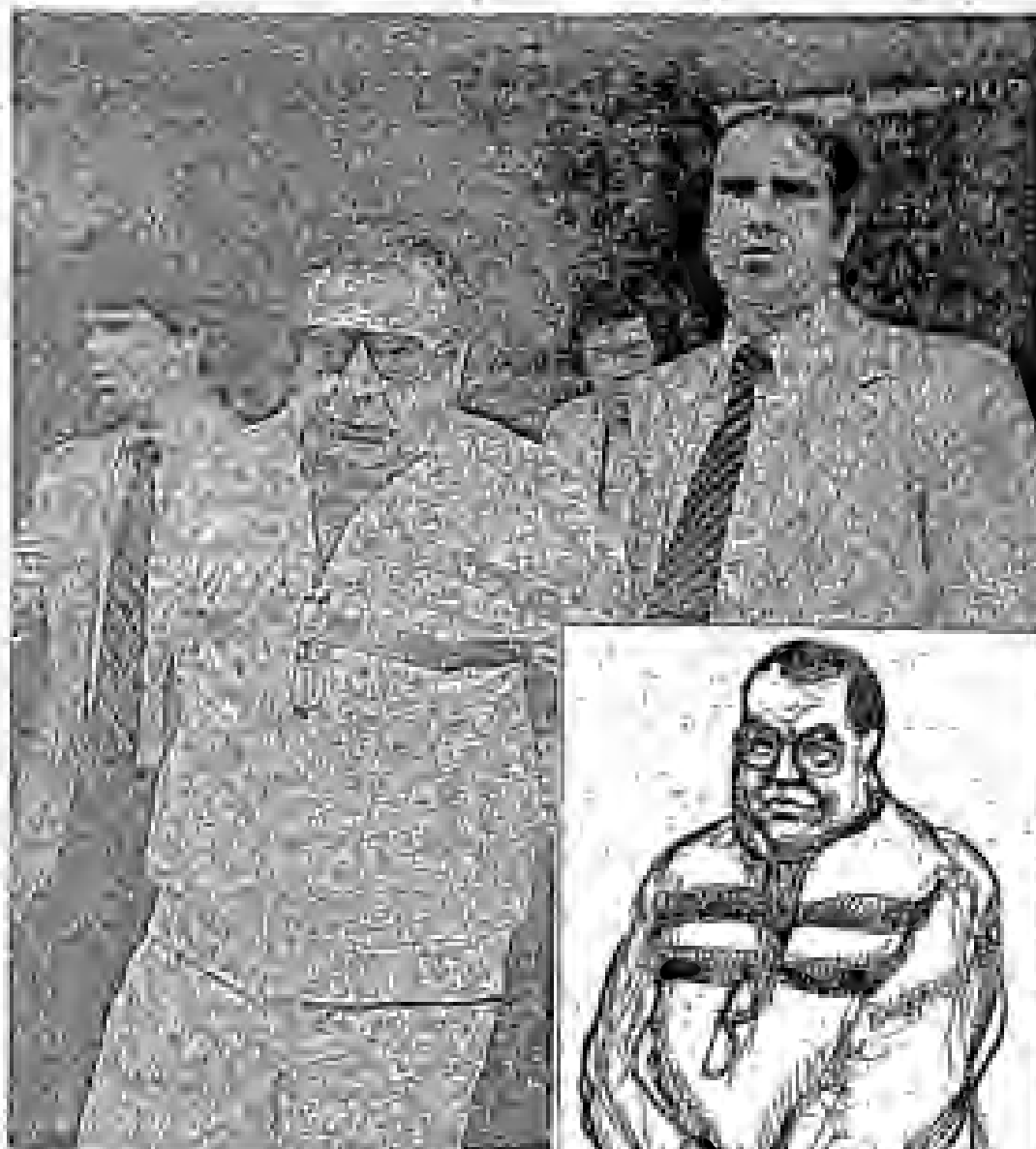
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Alleged Gambino crime family *cousigliere* Joseph N. Gallo, 74 (right), in custody after his arrest yesterday. Sixteen reputed Gambino associates were indicted in latest crackdown on organized crime. **Page 3**



**INDICTED** Angelo Ruggiero, left, is led from FBI office by authorities. Our Joe Papin sketched Ruggiero in court.

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# Disorganized

## Feds indict sixteen more, including Gambino cream

By DANIEL HAYS

Daily News Staff Writer

The ruling hierarchy of the Gambino crime family—leaders of the nation's most powerful mob and pals of boss John Gotti—were indicted yesterday on charges of running a racketeering scheme that involved murder, extortion and labor payoffs.

In the latest barrage in the federal government's war on organized crime, the Brooklyn Federal Court indictment charged 16 reputed Gambino stalwarts with taking part in a 19-year racketeering scheme that included gambling, obstruction of justice and using a 66-year-old woman court clerk as a pipeline for obtaining secret grand jury information.

Prosecutors said that for years many of the reputed mobsters used their exalted positions in the crime family to insulate themselves from prosecution. One of them, Joseph N. Gallo, 74, a fixture in the mob for decades, suffered the indignity of his first arrest. And seven others had never been convicted of a felony.

Following on the heels of the jailing of Gotti, the family's commander-in-chief, the indictment leaves the 400-member Gambino family in the hands of "lackluster" second-raters, boasted John Hogan, head of the FBI's New York office.

Gotti, already under indictment on racketeering charges, was listed in the indictment as John Doe, an unindicted co-conspirator. He is charged with the crimes mentioned in the indictment. The anonymous listing was part of an effort to avoid prejudicial publicity before Gotti goes to trial in August.

FBI agents provided the evidence for the 17-count indictment, using informants, wiretaps and bugs in the Staten Island mansion of slain Gambino boss Paul (Big Paul) Castellano, and the Cedarhurst, L.I., home of Angelo Ruggiero, 46, a reputed Gambino soldier who was among those indicted.

Among others charged were five alleged Gambino captains, including Joseph Corrao, 50, of Suffern, N.Y.

Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Reena Raggi said the Gambino "ruling hierarchy" exercised control over major unions, such as Steamfitters Local 638 and Mason Tenders Local 23; the rehabilitation of Staten Island's Port Mobil deepwater pipeline, and "local mom and pop stores" that wanted to rent video game machines.

Targets for the group's extortion tactics, using threats of violence and labor disruption, it was charged, included Stewart Color Laboratories, one of the

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largest film processing firms in the New York area, and E. M. Mechanical Contracting Inc. of the Bronx.

Indicted and accused as the family's pipeline to secret grand jury information was Mildred Russo, 66, a Manhattan Federal Court deputy clerk who was said to have fed the mob details of confidential investigations for eight years.

The nine defendants who were arrested all pleaded innocent at their arraignment before Judge Jack B. Weinstein. Gallo and six others were freed on bail ranging from \$50,000 to \$400,000.

Ruggiero and Anthony Vitta, 48, a reputed mob soldier, were ordered held without bail.

Seven of the defendants remain at-large.

Also indicted were:

Joseph Arnone, 62, of Brooklyn, reputed captain; Robert DiBernardo, 50, Hewlett Harbor, reputed captain who was reported missing by his family two weeks ago; James Fatta, 58, of Staten Island, reputed captain; Joseph Zingaro, 74, reputed captain; Thomas Agro, 55, reputed soldier, currently in a Miami jail; Robert Desimone, 52, of Hollywood, Fla., reputed soldier; Jack Giordano, 45, of Staten Island, reputed soldier.

Also, Louis Giardina, 52, of Staten Island, business manager of Mason Tenders Local 23 and reputed family associate; Julie Miran, 72, of Great Neck, reputed associate; Salvatore Misiorisi, 48, of Staten Island, reputed associate; George Daly, former business agent of Steamfitters Local 638.

# Grandma helped godfather?

## Court clerk, 66, held as spy for the mob

By PATRICE O'SHAUGHNESSY

Daily News Staff Writer



Mildred Russo, a small, gray-haired woman with a friendly face, was known as a sweet, generous grandmother to those who worked with her in the Federal Courthouse in Foley Square.

Yesterday federal prosecutors charged that Russo, 66, had worked as a spy for the mob.

She is accused of using her position as a deputy court clerk to funnel secret information to suspected mobsters.

Prosecutors said that Russo, who has five grandchildren, gave members of the Gambino crime family information about defendants named in sealed indictments so the accused could flee before charges were announced.

Russo, who had worked in the courthouse for 13 years, was suspended without pay from her \$23,000-a-year job after her arrest at her home on Mulberry St., two blocks from the courthouse.

Wearing a two-piece blue cotton dress, sandals and carrying a large pocketbook, Russo looked like she should have been standing on a supermarket line instead of appearing before a federal magistrate.

She was released on \$50,000 bail after her daughter co-signed a personal recognizance bond.

A co-worker described Russo as "the sweetest woman.... no one could say a bad word about her. She'd give you the shirt off her back. Anyone but Millie."

Prosecutors said that in April 1983 Russo had told reputed Gambino captain Joseph Corrao that Alphonse Persico, son of Colombo boss Carmine Persico, was named in a sealed indictment.

The information was passed to Gambino boss Paul Castellano and efforts were made to warn Persico.

On Sept. 22, 1983, suspicious prosecutors planted a phony indictment—naming Corrao—to test Russo's honesty.

That day she called her son-in-law, a reputed Gambino associate, and allegedly revealed the information.

To avoid disrupting an investigation of the Gambino family, Russo was transferred to a civil section, where she did not have access to sensitive information.

In addition to racketeering charges, Russo is accused of obstructing justice and conspiracy. She faces up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on those charges.

Mildred Russo

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# Feds Take Aim at Gambino Mob; 'Chiefs' Are Among 16 Charged



Reputed mob leader Joseph N. Gallo, photo left, and alleged mobster Angelo Ruggiero are led from FBI office in Quebec.

**By Anthony M. DeStefano**

A federal grand jury in Brooklyn has indicted 16 people in what prosecutors described yesterday as a broad attack on the hierarchy of the Gambino organized crime family.

"Today's indictment is directed at the current leadership of the family," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward McDonald, head of the Brooklyn organized crime strike force.

"These men aren't Johnny-come-latties," he said, adding that law enforcement officials believe some of the defendants have been among the leadership of the crime family for the last 20 years.

The 16-count indictment unsealed yesterday in Brooklyn federal court specifically charged the Gambino Cosa Nostra family as being a criminal enterprise involved in a racketeering conspiracy dating back to 1967, when the group was led by the late Carlo Gambino.

Gambino, who died of natural causes in 1976, and the late Paul Castellano, who was murdered last December, were also named as unindicted coconspirators.

McDonald described the Gambino family as being the most stable of the New York crime families, but said that recently, because of indictments, murders and investigations by the FBI, the group has "suffered unprecedented internal strife."

"The leadership is in disarray," said John Hogan, assistant director of the FBI. Hogan's office spearheaded the probe with its "Castaway's Investigation" which officials said was originally targeted against Castellano.

The racketeering conspiracy charged in the indictment included murders, extortion, robbery, loan-sharking, bribery, illegal labor payoffs and obstruction of justice. The crime family also was accused of controlling the coin-operated video machine business on Staten Island.

The highest-ranked reputed Gambino family member indicted was Joseph N. Gallo, 74, identified by police as the consigliere of the crime family.

Among those indicted who are identified by police as captains in the crime family are Joseph Armone, 69, of Brooklyn; Joseph Corrao, 50, Suffern, N.Y.; Robert DiBernardo, 50, of Hewlett Harbor, L.I.; James Failla,

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# Indictment Aims at Gambino Mob



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Reputed mobster Jack Giordano, flanked by FBI agents, in Rego Park.

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58, Staten Island, and Joseph Zingaro, 74, whose address was not given.

DiBernardo, long a figure in the pornography industry, has been missing since June 5 when he left his lower Manhattan offices for dinner with his family. Officials say he may be dead.

Other reputed members of the Gambino family who were indicted include Thomas Agro, 55, now in jail in Miami; Angelo Ruggiero, 46, Cedarhurst, L.I., and Anthony Vitta, 48, East Rockaway, L.I. Two other reputed mobsters, Robert DeSimone, 52, Hollywood, Fla., and Jack Giordano, 45, Staten Island, were not charged in the alleged racketeering conspiracy but were charged with criminal acts cited in the indictment.

Prosecutors said there was some overlap between the latest indictment and the pending federal case against reputed Gambino boss John Gotti, who is in federal custody. McDonald said the allegations of the 1973 murder of John McBratney were also made in the Gotti case.

Ruggiero, according to the indictment, conspired with "John Doe" and others to murder McBratney. When asked if Gotti was the John Doe in the Ruggiero indictment, McDonald said "draw your own conclusions."

Another defendant in the latest Gambino family case is Mildred Russo, 66, of 20 Mulberry St. in Manhattan, who has been a deputy clerk in Manhattan federal court for 15 years. She was accused of providing to Corrao confidential documents and information, which Corrao could pass on to other crime family members.

Others indicted and described by officials as "associates" of the Gambino family were Louis Giardina, 52, of Staten Island, identified as a business manager of Mason Tenders Local 23; George Daly, 59, of Hicksville, L.I., identified as a former official of Steamfitter's Local 638; Julie Miron, 72, Great Neck, L.I., owner of Miron Mason

Materials Company in Brooklyn. Another man, Salvatore Migliorisi, 48, Staten Island, was charged with acts cited in the indictment, but not in the alleged racketeering conspiracy.

At an arraignment before federal Judge Jack Weinstein, Gallo, Zingaro, Giordano, Ruggiero, Vitta, Daly, Giardina, Migliorisi and Russo pleaded innocent. By late yesterday, Armone, Corrao, DiBernardo, Failla, DeSimone and Miron had not been arrested.

# Court Clerk Cited as Mob Spy

By Gerald McKelvey

For more than three years, the federal court in Manhattan has known that Mildred Russo, a grandmotherly employee in the court clerk's office, has been tagged as a spy for the mob, leaking information from sealed papers to associates of organized crime figures, according to indictments filed yesterday.

U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani, whose office obtained an indictment against Russo, said that suspicions about Russo's activities were confirmed in September, 1983, when she leaked information from a sealed indictment that in fact was a plant.

In order not to alert the mob to

the ongoing investigation, that among other things led to yesterday's racketeering indictment against elements of the Gambino Cosa Nostra family, Russo was kept on the job but transferred from the criminal section to the civil section, Giuliani said.

Russo, 66, charged with obstruction of justice and conspiracy, was arrested yesterday morning at her home at 20 Mulberry St. in Little Italy during the roundup of other persons indicted in the Gambino racketeering case.

According to the indictment, Russo's son-in-law, Augustus Sclafani, was an associate of Joseph Corrao, an alleged capo in the Gambino fam-

ily. She passed the information to Sclafani, who then passed it on to the mob, the indictment said.

In one instance in 1983, Corrao and another reputed Gambino capo, James Failla, met with the late Paul Castellano, the reputed Gambino family boss, and discussed information that Russo had obtained about a sealed indictment of Alphonse Persico, son of Carmin Persico, the alleged Colombo family boss, Giuliani said.

U.S. District Court Clerk Raymond F. Burghardt said that Russo was suspended without pay after her arrest. She had worked in the clerk's office for 13½ years and was drawing a salary of \$23,030.

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**Mildred Russo, 66, is taken into custody yesterday to face charges she used  
job as a federal court clerk to warn mobsters of impending prosecution.**

# FBI rounds up nine of Gotti's pals

By PHILIP MESSING  
& CHARLES LACHMAN

THE ruling hierarchy of the Gambino crime family was rounded up yesterday and charged with running a 20-year racketeering conspiracy in New York City and its suburbs.

The FBI rounded up nine of 16 suspects in dawn raids, mainly, at their homes.

Five others are being sought, one is in jail and another is missing and presumed dead.

Earlier, an indictment was handed up naming the 16, including the syndicate's underboss, consigliere, six capos, two labor leaders and a woman clerk in the U.S. court-

house in Manhattan who allegedly served as a Mafia spy.

Organized crime task force chief Edward McDonald called the indictments a "major blow" at the Gambino mob, which last month saw its chieftain, John (The Good-looking Guy) Gotti, put behind bars.

The 17-count indictment contains charges of murder, extortion, robbery, loansharking, illegal labor payoffs, gambling, bribery and obstruction of justice.

Named as unindicted conspirators yesterday were Carlo Gambino, the family patriarch until his death in 1976; Paul Castellano, his

successor until his assassination last Dec. 15 outside Sparks Steak House in Manhattan; and Thomas Bilotti, the underboss who was gunned down with Castellano.

Gotti, who took over as boss of the family following the sensational rubout, was not named in the indictment. He is scheduled to go on trial in August on racketeering charges stemming from a separate indictment.

The indictment charges that the Gambinos:

● Leaned on pizza parlor owners and mom-and-pop shopkeepers in Staten Is-



Angelo Ruggiero (right) at his arrest.

land to install video game machines controlled by organized crime.

● Sought to bribe federal prison officials with \$20,000 to transfer Carmine Persico, the reputed head of the Colombo organized fami-

ly, to another facility.

● Attempted to extort a \$100,000 payoff for labor peace at Port Mobil, the huge deep-water facility being built on Staten Island.

If convicted of the federal racketeering charge, the defendants

face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

All pleaded innocent at their arraignment.

Others named in the indictment are:

Joe (Piney) Armone, 68, acting underboss and reputed major domo in the U.S. record business, who did time for his role in the French Connection heroin case; Joseph (The White-haired Guy) Gallo, 74, consigliere, and Angelo Ruggiero, 46, capo.

James (Jimmy Brown) Failla, 58, capo; Joseph (Joe Butch) Corrao, 50, capo; Robert DiBernardo, 50, reputed por-

nographer, missing and presumed dead; Joseph (Joe Z.) Zingaro, 74, capo, and Thomas Argo, 50, soldier, also were named.

Also listed: Robert DeSimone, 52, soldier; Jack (Handsome Jack) Giordano, 45, soldier; Anthony Vitta, 48, soldier; George Daly, 59, business agent for Local 638 of the steamfitters' union; Louis Giardina, 52, business agent of Local 23 of the Mason Tenders union; Salvatore Migliorisi, Gambino associate; Julie Miron, 72, wealthy Brooklyn lumber businessman; Mildred Russo, 66, deputy court clerk.

66-year-old court clerk leaked secret grand jury indictments, *Feds charge*

# GRANNY SPIED FOR THE MOB!

By JACK PERITZ &  
PHILIP MESSING

A GRANDMOTHER who worked as a clerk in the federal court house in Manhattan was accused yesterday of being a Mafia spy and passing secret grand jury indictments to the Gambino crime syndicate.

Mildred Russo, 68, the mother-in-law of a reputed Gambino mobster, was arrested at 7:30 a.m. at her apartment at 20 Mulberry St. in Little Italy, where she has lived for more than 40 years.

Her apartment is a few blocks from the federal courthouse at Foley Square where she worked for 14 years.

Two federal indictments yesterday accused Mrs. Russo of using her position as a clerk handling sealed indictments to warn mobsters of impending prosecution.

Mrs. Russo allegedly gave the information to her son-in-law, Augustus (Big Gus) Scialfani, a Gambino associate who was also indicted yesterday.

Mrs. Scialfani is married to daughter Patricia. Mrs. Russo's lawyer, Ronald Kleinberg, said, "We unequivocally deny the charges."

Federal authorities discovered the leak in April 1983, apparently from a wiretap concealed in the Staten Island home of slain Gambino crime boss Paul (Big Paul) Castellano.

Castellano was overheard speaking

dictment naming Alphonse Persico, son of reputed Colombo family chief. Car-

U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani said officials traced the source of the leak by planting a fake indictment of a Gambino capo, James (Jimmy Brown) Fallo, a one-time chauffeur to Carlo Gambino.

Mrs. Russo allegedly told for the half and passed on the bogus indictment to her son-in-law.

"We set her up with a phony indictment," Giuliani said. The prosecutor said the government waited nearly three years before moving against her in order to avoid compromising a sweeping investigation of the Gambino clan that resulted in yesterday's racketeering indictment in Brooklyn.

However, in October 1983, Mrs. Russo was transferred out of the Manhattan office, said Raymond Burghardt, the chief of the clerk's office. Mrs. Russo was suspended without pay following her indictment. She earned \$92,000 a year.

civil division, cutting off her access to sensitive information. She faces five years in jail if convicted. Highly placed government sources suspected of acting as a Mafia spy for a decade or longer.

"She handled sealed indictments and that is a lot of very sensitive information. You can compromise an investigation very easily with that," a source said.

Mrs. Russo is believed to several organized crime figures long associated with the Fulton Fish Market, the source said.

"Her family tree shows a wide relationship with other organized crime figures," said the source.

Raymond Burghardt, the chief of the clerk's office, said Mrs. Russo was suspended without pay following her indictment. She earned



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## Islanders named in mob sweep

By PHILIP RUSSO  
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

The alleged rulers of the Gambino crime family, including four reputed mobsters from Staten Island, have been indicted on federal racketeering charges that focused in large part on the Island's video game industry and Port Mobil in Charleston.

The 17-count indictment, handed up Thursday by a grand jury in Brooklyn, named some of the most powerful reputed Mafia capos, or captains, in the Gambino family, including James (Jimmy Brown) Failla, 58, of Evergreen

Avenue, Ocean Breeze, and consigliere, or counselor, Joseph N. Gallo, 74, of Queens.

The indictment charges members and associates of the Gambino family with being involved in a comprehensive Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) conspiracy from 1967 to the present. The racketeering conspiracy includes mur-

der, extortion, robbery, loan-sharking, illegal labor payoffs, gambling, bribery and obstruction of justice, according to the indictment.

"The grand jury specifically names the Gambino family as the criminal enterprise in a venture so powerful as to operate in all five boroughs of the City of New York, both suburban Long Island

counties and in Westchester," said Acting U.S. Attorney Reena Raggi.

Edward McDonald, chief of the Justice Department's Organized Crime Task Force based in Brooklyn, said the indictment was "a major blow" to the Gambino family, which he said is the largest and most powerful organized crime family in the nation.

"What is particularly significant about this case is that not only does it involve the most powerful figures in the family, but we have also indicted some of those who have been most insulated, those whose criminal activities have been most difficult to detect and prove," McDonald said.

As examples, McDonald cited Failla and Gallo, who, respec-

tively, served 30 days for contempt of court and no time, even though authorities believe the two have long been involved in crime.

In charges relating specifically to Staten Island, the indictment alleges that between January and May 1983, Failla, along with the late Paul (Big Paul) Castellano and Thomas Bilotti — both unindicted co-conspirators — exercised control over the allocation and rental of coin-operated video machines to commercial premises on the Island.

The owners of Island bars, pizza

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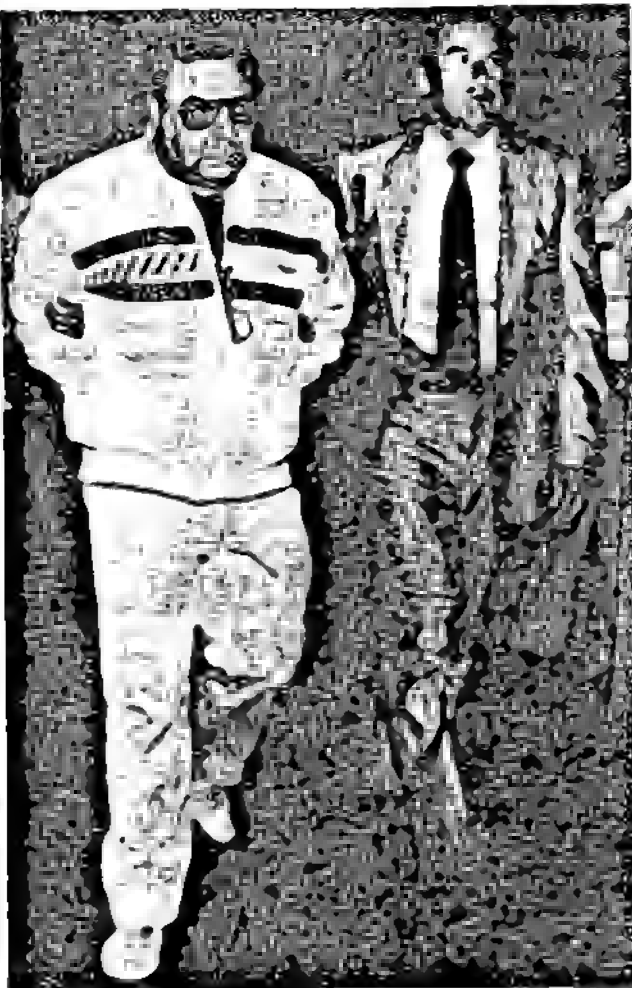
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Reputed Gambino soldier Angelo Ruggiero is led out of court.

parlors, arcades and "mom and pop stores" were threatened with violence and economic harm if they did not rent coin-operated video machines controlled by Bilotti and turn the profits over to him, McDonald said.

In addition, the indictment charged that between January 1981 and June 1983, George Daly, 59, of Hicksville, L.I., the former business agent of Steamfitters Local 638, aided by Castellano, Bilotti and others, received payments of more than \$100,000 from a Bronx contractor working on a deepwater fuel-pipe renovation project at the Port Mobil Storage Terminal, in return for labor peace.

Despite receiving the payments, "the defendants failed to produce and only union labor was used," McDonald said.

The indictment's only female defendant, Mildred Russo, 66, a deputy clerk in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, is charged with obstructing justice by divulging confidential information concerning criminal cases to reputed Gambino members, including Failla.

Ms. Russo, who is identified as a Manhattan resident, specifically provided confidential information from grand juries, indictments and other criminal proceedings relating to Failla and reputed mobster Alphonse (Alley Boy) Persico, 32, of Meiers Corners.

Of the reputed leadership of the Gambinos, only John Gotti, 46, of Howard Beach, Queens, who already is facing a September racketeering trial in Brooklyn Federal Court, was not named in the indictment.

However, when asked if several references to a "John Doe" unindicted co-conspirator referred to Gotti, McDonald said: "Several of the charges overlap (in yesterday's and Gotti's indictments). You can draw your own conclusions."

Among the overlapping charges is one that alleges Gotti and reputed Gambino soldier Angelo Ruggiero, of Queens, who is named in both indictments, murdered Port Richmond resident John McBratney, a burglar, in 1973 in Snopce's Bar in West Brighton.

Gotti and Ruggiero, who reputedly is a member of Gotti's Mafia crew, both pleaded to the lesser charge of attempted manslaughter in what police labeled a contract killing. Gotti served a year in prison for the crime.

The other Island residents named in yesterday's indictment are:

● **Jack (Handsome Jack) Giordano**, 46, of Braisted Avenue, New Springville. Identified as a soldier in the Gambino family.

● **Louis Giardina**, 52, of Cromwell Circle, Dongan Hills. Identified as an associate of Castellano and the Gambino family, and the business manager of the Mason Tenders Local 23.

● **Salvatore Migliorisi**, 42, of Roidel Avenue, Oakwood. Identified as an associate of the Gambino family.

Also named as unindicted co-conspirators were the late Aniello

(Mr. O'Neill) Dellacrose, 70, of Fingerboard Road, Grassmere, the family's underboss for Castellano, and Carlo Gambino, the late capo di tutti capi, or boss of bosses of all five New York La Cosa Nostra clans, from whom the family derived its name.

The indictment alleges that the defendants carried out their crimes under the direction of Castellano, Dellacrose and Bilotti.

Castellano and Bilotti were murdered Dec. 16 in front of a midtown Manhattan restaurant in what police believe was a contract killing. Dellacrose died of natural causes two weeks before the killings.

Ms. Raggi said 10 defendants were arrested yesterday by the FBI and would be arraigned later, while the other six remained at large.

The remaining defendants and their titles according to the indictment are:

● **Joseph (Joe Pinoy) Arnone**, 68, of Brooklyn, capo.

● **Joseph (Joe Butch) Corrao**, 50, of Suffern, capo.

● **Robert (DB) DiBernardo**, 50, of Hewlett Harbor, L.I., capo.

● **Joseph (Joe Z) Zingaro**, 74, of the Bronx, capo.

● **Thomas (Tommy A) Agro**, 55, in prison in Miami awaiting trial on loansharking and racketeering charges. An Arnone crew member.

● **Robert DeStimone**, 52, Hollywood, Fla. A soldier in Arnone's crew. He is out on bail after his conviction for loansharking in Florida.

● **Anthony Vitta**, 48, of Queens. Soldier in Arnone's crew.

● **Julie Miron**, 71, of Great Neck, L.I. An associate of Castellano and the Gambino family, and owner of Miron Mason Materials in Brooklyn.

McDonald said certain defendants also were charged with trying to bribe a federal prison official to move Carmine Persico, the reputed head of the Colombo crime family, to a different facility. Persico is currently awaiting sentencing on a recent racketeering conviction.

The Gambino indictment was the result of a five-year investigation by the FBI of the family's operations.

If convicted of the federal racketeering charge, the defendants face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

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On 6/9/86, [redacted] provided the following  
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Source advised that Boss JOHN GOTTI has been embarrassed  
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JOE N. GALLO recently met with "Jersey" Organized Crime  
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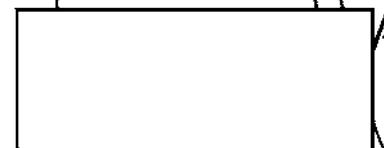
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On July 29, 1986, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] has a regular pattern of activity. He sleeps at SPIKE SETFORD's Social Club at 14 Street and 31 Avenue, Queens, New York. He usually gets to the club around 7:00 p.m. and is asleep between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

When he awakens in the morning, he drives (in a gray Cadillac with New Jersey [redacted] registered to [redacted] to his social club on 12 Street just East of First Avenue, North Side, where he hangs out until mid-afternoon. He then drives back to Queens and spends a few hours in and around the OTB near JOE N. GALLO's store.

On weekends he goes to [redacted] house in New Jersey and sometimes goes to Monmouth Race Track where he has a "connection" at the track hotel.

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THOMAS AGRO was contacted in the visitors lounge at MT. SIANI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 98th Street at 5th Avenue, New York City. Present with AGRO were his [redacted] and [redacted], as well as a U.S. Marshal.

AGRO recognized both Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] from prior contacts. AGRO was an admitted patient at MT. SIANI, room 634, under U.S. Marshal Supervision.

AGRO exchanged greetings with both SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. SA [redacted] offered his condolences to AGRO regarding his hospital confinement.

AGRO replied that since his return to New York City from Miami, Florida, his treatment has improved a great deal; however, the general condition of his health was very poor.

At this time [redacted] angrily denounced the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) treatment of [redacted] in Florida and blamed the FBI for his current poor condition.

SA [redacted] replied that Mr. AGRO could have avoided this current situation by his own actions several years ago.

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] then wished THOMAS AGRO well and departed the hospital.

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On 7/22/86 [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that the GAMBINO LCN is in turmoil since the recent incarceration of Capo ANGELO RUGGIERO. JOHN GOTTI is still the Boss and believes he will beat his upcoming RICO trial. GOTTI will hang on as long as a power struggle doesn't develop.

The "Family" business continues as Capo [redacted] runs most of the "street" activities (loansharking, gambling, and numbers) as well as his own and FRANK DE CICCIO's end of the construction activities.

JOE N. GALLO especially since his latest RICO arrest wants to remain out of the picture.

JOE "PINEY" ARMONE as the ranking Capo is the "titular" Head of the Family but this is only out of respect for his age.

There has been a "hint" of a possible power struggle from the lack of "full" respect accorded to GOTTI emissaries to the other Families.

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## THE 50 BIGGEST MAFIA BOSSES

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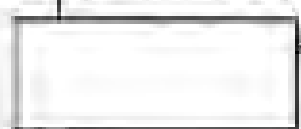
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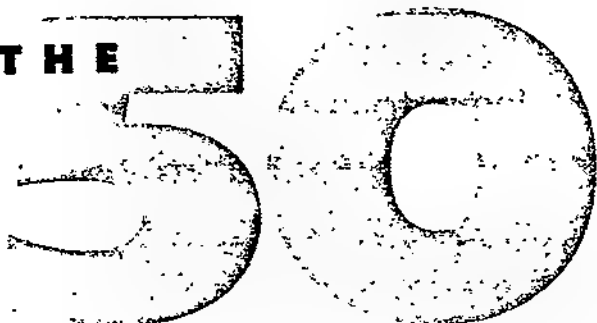
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## MANAGING COVER STORY

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# BIGGEST MAFIA BOSSSES

Meet the men who manage a \$50-billion-a-year business that reaches into almost every U.S. city. They face familiar problems: aging leadership, less dedicated younger employees, increased foreign competition. And now the feds are trying to wreck their profit centers. ■ *by Roy Rowan*

**C**RIME PAYS. Annual gross income from the rackets will probably exceed \$50 billion this year. That makes the mob's business greater than all U.S. iron, steel, copper, and aluminum manufacturing combined, or about 1.1% of GNP. These figures, compiled for the President's Commission on Organized Crime, include only revenues from traditional mob businesses, such as narcotics, loan-sharking, illegal gambling, and prostitution. They do not include billions more brought in from the mob's diversification into such legitimate enterprises as entertainment, construction, trucking, and food and liquor wholesaling.

The industry that runs this huge part of the economy comprises crime families, not companies. Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates, in a study prepared for the President's Crime Commission, found that the mob's hold on the economy stifles competition and siphons off capital, resulting in a loss of some 400,000 jobs, an increase in consumer prices of 0.3%, a reduction in total output of \$18 billion, and a decrease in per capita disposable income of \$77 a year. Since organized-crime members cheat on taxes, the rest of the population will pay an estimated \$6.5 billion more to the Internal Revenue Service this year.

The organization chart of a crime family or syndicate mirrors the management structure

of a corporation. At the top of the pyramid is a boss, or chief executive. Below him are an underboss (chief operating officer) and a *consigliere* (general counsel). Then follow ranks of capos (vice presidents) and soldiers (lower-level employees who carry out the bosses' orders). Like corporations, crime groups often rely on outside consultants (see box, page 34).

For this story FORTUNE interviewed FBI agents, leaders of federal organized-crime strike forces, and local law enforcement offi-

cials across the U.S. On their assessment of the wealth, power, and influence of the crime bosses, FORTUNE has ranked them from 1 to 50 on the facing page.

In spite of its clout, organized crime is an industry in crisis. The leadership is old, and the next generation of managers seems to lack spirit, dedication, and discipline. "Today you got guys in here who never broke an egg," a New Jersey Mafia leader complained in a conversation bugged by the FBI. Another reported that a disrespectful underling



**NO. 1 ANTHONY SALERNO** leaves Manhattan's federal court after arraignment. His driver, Vincent Cafaro, is on the left.

### HOW THEY RANK

NAME	NAME
1	ANTHONY SALERNO
2	ANTHONY ACCARO
3	ANTHONY CORAL
4	GERARDO CATEN
5	GENNARO LANGE
6	CARMINE PERSICO
7	CHRISTOPHER FUI
8	SALVATORE SANT
9	PHILIP RASTELLI
10	VINCENT DI NAPO
11	RALPH SCOPO
12	RUSSELL BUTALIN
13	JOHN GOTTI
14	JOSEPH BONAMAN
15	SANTO TRAFFICA
16	CARLOS MARCELL
17	FRANK BALISTRIE
18	MICHAEL FRANZE
19	VINCENT GIGANT
20	JOSEPH FERRIOLA
21	JOSEPH ALIPIA
22	JOHN ALEX
23	VINCENT ALIO
24	ANTHONY INDELL
25	MICHAEL D'ONOFR
26	JOSEPH N. GALLI
27	PHILIP LOMBARDI
28	RAYMOND MARTI
29	ANTHONY PROVI
30	JOHN CERONE
31	JAMES NAPOLI
32	PAUL VARIO SR.
33	CARL DELUNA
34	GENNARO ANGR
35	MATTHEW IANNE
36	JAMES FARLA
37	JOHN RIGGI SR.
38	LOUIS MANNA
39	JOHN DIGLIO
40	WILLIAM CAMMS
41	VINCENT MELI
42	VINCENT SOLANO
43	NICODEMO SCARI
44	TINO FIUMARA
45	DONALD ANGELI
46	PETER MILANO
47	PAUL SCHIRO
48	CHRIS PETTI
49	ANTHONY TUMINAI
50	FRANK BUCCIERI

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## HOW THEY RANK IN WEALTH, POWER, AND INFLUENCE

RANK	NAME Nickname	AGE	HEAD-QUARTERS	STATUS	FAMILY	SOURCES OF INCOME
1	ANTHONY SALERNO <i>Fat Tony</i>	75	New York City	IN JAIL, ON TRIAL	Genovese	Construction, unions, gambling, loan-sharking
2	ANTHONY ACCARDO <i>Joe Batters</i>	80	Palm Springs	FREE	Chicago	Gambling, unions, loan-sharking
3	ANTHONY CORALLO <i>Tony Ducks</i>	73	Long Island	ON TRIAL	Lucchese	Gutbabe, extortion
4	GERARDO CATENA <i>Jerry</i>	84	Boca Raton	FREE	Genovese	Construction, gambling, casinos
5	GENNARO LANGELLA <i>Jerry Long</i>	47	Brooklyn	IN JAIL, ON TRIAL	Colombo	Construction, loan-sharking, gambling
6	CARMINE PERSICO <i>Amor</i>	53	Brooklyn	IN JAIL, ON TRIAL	Colombo	Construction, loan-sharking, gambling
7	CHRISTOPHER FURNARI <i>Chris Tick</i>	62	New York City	ON TRIAL	Lucchese	Construction, unions, gambling, loan-sharking
8	SALVATORE SANTORO <i>Tom Mix</i>	70	New York City	ON TRIAL	Lucchese	Construction, unions, loan-sharking
9	PHILIP RASTELLI <i>Rusty</i>	68	New York City	ON TRIAL	Bonanno	Concrete, unions, loan-sharking, narcotics
10	VINCENT D'AMICO <i>Vince</i>	49	New York City	INDICTED	Genovese	Construction, unions
11	RALPH SCOPO	57	Brooklyn	ON TRIAL	Colombo	Construction, unions
12	RUSSELL BUFALINO	82	Scranton, Pa.	IN JAIL	Bufalino	Sweetheart contracts
13	JOHN GOTTI	46	New York City	IN JAIL, ON TRIAL	Gambino	Loan-sharking, robbery, phonograph records
14	JOSEPH BONANNO <i>Joe Bonanno</i>	82	Tucson	IN JAIL	Bonanno	Narcotics
15	SANTO TRAFFICANTE <i>Louis Santos</i>	71	Tampa	FREE	Tampa	Gambling, loan-sharking, narcotics
16	CARLOS MARCELLO <i>Little Man</i>	76	New Orleans	IN JAIL	New Orleans	Gambling, real estate, nightclubs
17	FRANK BALISTRERI <i>Frankie Bol</i>	64	Milwaukee	IN JAIL	Milwaukee	Gambling, liquor, Teamsters pension fund
18	MICHAEL FRANZESI	33	Long Island	IN JAIL	Colombo	Movies, auto dealerships, bootleg gasoline
19	VINCENT GIACONE <i>Chin</i>	57	New Jersey	FREE	Genovese	Unions, gambling, loan-sharking
20	JOSEPH FERRIOLA <i>Joe Nagall</i>	59	Chicago	FREE	Chicago	Gambling, extortion
21	JOSEPH AIUPPA <i>Joey O'Brien</i>	78	Chicago	IN JAIL	Chicago	Gambling, casinos, unions
22	GUS ALEX <i>Sam</i>	70	Chicago	FREE	Chicago	Gambling, political fixing
23	VINCENT ALO <i>Jerry Blue Eyes</i>	82	Miami	FREE	Genovese	Gambling, casinos, money laundering
24	ANTHONY INDELICATO <i>Bruno</i>	39	New York City	ON TRIAL	Bonanno	Narcotics
25	MICHAEL GENOVESE <i>Mike</i>	65	Pittsburgh	FREE	Pittsburgh	Gambling
26	JOSEPH N. GALLO	74	New York City	FREE	Gambino	Pornography, real estate
27	PHILIP LOMBARDO <i>Benny Squet</i>	78	Miami	FREE	Genovese	Construction, gambling, loan-sharking
28	RAYMOND MARTORANO <i>Long John</i>	39	Philadelphia	IN JAIL	Philadelphia	Narcotics, unions, vending machines
29	ANTHONY PROVENZANO <i>Tony Pro</i>	69	New Jersey	IN JAIL	Genovese	Unions
30	JOHN CERONE <i>Jackie</i>	72	Chicago	IN JAIL	Chicago	Casinos
31	JAMES NAPOLI <i>Jimmy Napp</i>	75	New York City	FREE	Genovese	Gambling, loan-sharking
32	PAUL VARIO SR.	73	New York City	IN JAIL	Lucchese	Gambling, robbery
33	CARL DE LUCA <i>Toughy</i>	59	Kansas City, Mo.	IN JAIL	Kansas City	Gambling, casinos
34	GENNARO ANGIULO <i>Jerry</i>	67	Boston	IN JAIL	Boston	Numbers, loan-sharking, money laundering
35	MATTHEW LANNIELLO <i>Matty the Horse</i>	66	New York City	INDICTED	Genovese	Unions, topless bars, loan-sharking
36	JAMES FALIA <i>Jimmy Brown</i>	67	New York City	FREE	Gambino	Unions
37	JOHN RIGGI SR.	61	New Jersey	FREE	DeCavalcante	Construction, waterfront unions
38	LOUIS MANNA <i>Bobby</i>	57	New Jersey	FREE	Genovese	Construction, gambling, loan-sharking
39	JOHN DIGILIO <i>Johnny Dee</i>	53	New Jersey	FREE	Genovese	Waterfront unions, gambling, loan-sharking
40	WILLIAM CAMMESEANO <i>Willie</i>	71	Kansas City, Mo.	FREE	Kansas City	Gambling, loan-sharking, fencing
41	VINCENT MELI <i>Little Vince</i>	62	Detroit	FREE	Detroit	Steel hauling
42	VINCENT SOLANO <i>Vince</i>	67	Chicago	FREE	Chicago	Gambling, unions
43	NICODENEO SCARFO <i>Nicky</i>	57	Atlantic City	FREE	Philadelphia	Gambling, numbers, unions
44	TINO FRUMARA <i>George Grecco</i>	66	New Jersey	IN JAIL	Genovese	Waterfront unions
45	DONALD ANGELINI <i>Don Angel</i>	60	Chicago	FREE	Chicago	Gambling
46	PETER MILANO <i>Pete</i>	60	Los Angeles	FREE	Los Angeles	Gambling
47	PAUL SCHIRO <i>Paulie</i>	45	Phoenix	FREE	Chicago	Gambling
48	CHRIS PETTI	47	San Diego	FREE	Chicago	Gambling
49	ANGELO TUMINARO <i>Little Angelo</i>	81	Unknown	FUGITIVE	Lucchese	Narcotics
50	FRANK BUCCIERI <i>The Horse</i>	43	Palm Springs	FREE	Chicago	Loan-sharking

Based on information from FBI agents, federal prosecutors, and local law enforcement officials, FORTUNE compiled this list of top Mafia leaders, their territories, and their lines of business. Although 17 of the mobsters are in jail, they retain their power, issuing orders by phone and through visitors.

## MANAGING

### FACES FROM THE UNDERWORLD



**NO. 2 ANTHONY ACCARDO**, convicted federal Senate committee in 1983. (L.A.)  
Capone Mafia: "The boss of the mob boss."



**NO. 3 ANTHONY CORALLO**, now on trial, is the boss of the Lucchese clan. His lieutenant's boss: "We rule JFK Airport."



**NO. 6 CARMINE PERSICO**, the Colombo boss, calls organized crime a "government invention" expression.



**NO. 8 SALVATORE SAN LUCCHESE**, underboss (left), with his Samuel H. Dusen, faces extortion.

had addressed him by his nickname. The FBI says that the Mafia membership is shrinking. To bolster the lower ranks, the bosses have been recruiting tough young trainees from Sicily, called "Greenies."

The Mafia, the largest and best-established crime organization, is up against forceful new competition from Asian and Latin American underworld groups that specialize in heroin, cocaine, and marijuana (see box, page 38). These drug smugglers and dealers not only have destroyed the monopoly that the mob once had but also have put some Mafia veterans in the uncomfortable subversive role of acting as their distributors.

The most serious challenge comes from federal law enforcement officials, who are now effectively using the 16-year-old Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute to prosecute mobsters. G. Robert Blakey, the Notre Dame law professor who drafted the 1970 law, says that it usually takes prosecutors some time to recognize the force of new legislation.

Recent indictments under the RICO statutes have brought about half the 50 most important crime members to trial, including No. 1, Tony Salerno, godfather of the Genoveses, the strongest Mafia family. Salerno is a defendant in the so-called Commission trial in New York. The government is trying to convict him and six other members of the Mafia's national ruling council, the Commission, of being part of a racketeering enterprise. Most of the accused sit stone-faced and silent in the courtroom. But Carmine

Persico (No. 6), the bespectacled boss of the Colombo family, is acting as his own lawyer.

Pressure from law enforcement agencies is forcing the mob to change some of its management techniques. Members of the Commission used to gather in large ceremonial "sitdowns" to settle their business problems. The FBI's extensive use of wiretaps and electronic bugs have made sitdowns prime surveillance targets, and these meetings have become less frequent affairs. The Mafia leaders are even reducing business lunches and dinners in their old public hangouts. Wherever possible, bosses use couriers to pass along their orders.

Mafia chieftains are also trying to snuff out disputes, which can flare in public and attract further FBI attention. But their voracious appetite for money usually defeats such nonadversarial policies.

The Mafia has always been able to surmount its other problems, overpower its adversaries, and outrun the feds. Even if the Commission members are jailed, their operations will con-

tinue. Bosses behind bars are: Their "access to telephones is limited," assistant FBI director told a Senate committee in 1983. Nick Cifella, he pointed out, the Kansas City mob from federal Commission members' prison or if they die in jail, new loc in each family to take their place, whose names are on the top 50 list, may turn still.

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A Chicago sitdown, a rarely photographed mob scene, took place in an unassuming restaurant, probably in 1983. Among those gathered are members of the Chicago Council, including Tony Salerno (front, center), the godfather of the Genoveses, the strongest Mafia family. (L.A.) and, in the back, No. 2 (back row) is a former Chicago boss who is now in jail. FBI agents found the picture in the house of gambling boss Joe DiVito (second from right).



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**NO. 8 SALVATORE SANTORO**, a Lucchese underboss (left), with his lawyer Samuel H. Dawson, faces extortion charges.

tinue. Bosses behind bars are not powerless. Their "access to telephones is virtually unlimited," assistant FBI director Oliver Revell told a Senate committee in 1983. The late Nick Civella, he pointed out, "was running the Kansas City mob from federal prison." If the Commission members' prison terms are long or if they die in jail, new leaders will rise in each family to take their place. Their replacements, whose names appear below them on the top 50 list, may turn out tougher still.

The culture of organized crime—based on greed, tenacity, and discipline—remains strong. Mob members call each other "wise guys," and so-called wise-guy rules define a strict code of conduct. For one thing, a member who vouches for someone who ultimately betrays the organization takes the hit—usually before reprisals against the stool pigeon. For another, if a fixer takes a mob payoff, he must produce precisely what he promises. No excuses or refunds are accepted.

The crime industry is organized geographically. Though the mob's grasp reaches most major cities—Seattle is an exception—two-thirds of the Mafia's membership is concentrated in New York and Chicago. The Commission adjudicates territorial disputes, settles business conflicts, and even passes on execution sentences.

Five sometimes-warring Mafia families control New York City—the Genoveses, Gambinos, Luccheses, Bonannos, and Co-

REPORTER ASSOCIATE Andrew Kupper



**NO. 11 RALPH SCARFO**, a Colombo soldier and union boss, is accused of conspiring to shake down construction companies.

lombos. Induction into these families involves a swearing-in ritual that calls for the taking of a secret oath and the giving of a drop of blood. In Chicago a single Mafia organization called the Outfit runs matters with less friction. There the initiation rite is consummated like a business deal, with a handshake. The Outfit also influences mob activities in Milwaukee, Kansas City, Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles.

According to the FBI there are only about 1,700 sworn, or "made," Mafia members.



**NO. 18 MICHAEL FRANZESE**, the jailed Colombo capo, is a second-generation mobster. His father is a convicted bank robber.



**NO. 13 JOHN GOTTI**, dapper as usual at his racketeering trial in Brooklyn, is the self-proclaimed leader of the Gambino family.

For each member, the government figures there are ten "associates." Wharton Economic Forecasting Associates estimates that the average annual income for an individual organized-crime member was about \$222,000 between 1979 and 1981. Of course, the haul for the top 50 crime bosses would be much higher. The forecasters used data from the FBI as well as income statistics from the IRS—gross income from tax returns and average unreported income from criminal and civil cases. Wharton also estimated that associates made an annual average of \$61,000 over that period. Associates advance to full membership in the organization by loyally carrying out orders and by being willing to kill. According to the Wharton study, some 265,000 people are employed in businesses run, at least in part, by organized crime.

Underworld leaders often reinvest their swag, kickback money, or bribes in legitimate enterprises. Such diversification is less risky than expanding an illegal operation. Furthermore, benign business can camouflage much criminal activity and reduce the danger of prosecution for income tax evasion.

In doing business with law-abiding companies, mob leaders have learned to cash in on their notorious reputation without automatically resorting to violence. Fraud and intimidation are their favorite tactics. Says Steven J. Twist, chief assistant attorney general of Arizona: "The dangerous thing about organized crime today is it has become semi-legitimate."



## MANAGING

A common racketeer strategy is to control a union so that it willingly signs cut-rate "sweetheart" contracts with mob-run companies and threatens to strike competitors. Underworld leaders have used unions to influence and infiltrate many legitimate businesses, from warehouses to nightclubs. Wharton forecasters figure that the involvement of organized crime tends to push prices up between 0.5% and 2% in these and related industries, such as food and liquor distribution.

A corrupt union is a profit center. It offers almost unlimited opportunities for extortion through the use of "ghosts" (fictitious workers) and "no-shows" (employees who do not come to work) and the threat of slowdowns. Mob-controlled unions and labor-leasing companies supply security guards for nuclear power plants, garbage collectors for most New York City office buildings, and truck drivers for Shell Oil, Coca-Cola, and International Paper, among many others. "A union can be used instead of a gun or a baseball bat," says Edward McDonald, chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn.

**A**NTHONY SALERNO, 75, whose name appears first among the top 50, heads an underworld conglomerate with enterprises on both sides of what for him, at least, is an indistinct line separating illegal from legitimate business. Known as "Fat Tony" ("Too fat to flee," chide his underworld cronies), he presently resides at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, next door to the U.S. Southern District Court, where he and other alleged Commission members are on trial.

Salerno's power does not stem solely from his position as head of the 300-member-strong Genovese family. Even before he became boss in 1980, Salerno made more money than most Mafia chieftains, mainly by skimming from casinos in Nevada and the Caribbean. Skimming is taking cash off the top of gambling proceeds before they are reported as taxable revenues. Law-abiding casinos take pains to prevent skimming, in mob-controlled casinos the practice is encouraged and widespread. The easiest way to skim is to simply walk into the counting room and take the money, a casino operator was overheard by the FBI to say. A recent indictment charges Salerno and his cohorts with operating a number of illegal gambling joints for betting on numbers and sports. In addition, they make "extortionate extensions and collections of credit"—that's how the Justice Department defines loan-shark-

ing. Salerno is accused of using "threats and beatings to force victims to pay illegal interest and to repay loans."

Crime boss No.1 also has thriving business interests in New York City's construction industry. According to Justice Department disclosures in the Commission case and in another racketeering indictment, between 1981 and 1985, Salerno and his colleagues imposed a 2% Mafia tax on New York City contractors pouring concrete for all superstructures costing more than \$2 million. They ran a cartel that rigged bids for supplying the concrete. The cartel decided in advance which company would submit the winning bid. Other companies were forced to put in bids that were unacceptably high. The 2% tax alone produced \$3.5 million in profits for the Mafia on the 72 construction jobs the government investigated. That's only a fraction of the buildings that have gone up in New York's recent real estate boom, for which the mob supplied concrete. One witness told the President's Crime Commission that the mob has inflated Manhattan construction costs by as much as 20%.

Salerno, according to the indictment, "is a hidden partner" in a

### CONCRETE AS A MOB WEAPON

*Organized crime, the government charges, carried out bid-rigging schemes on the construction of at least 16 Manhattan skyscrapers, including the apartment buildings at far right, by threatening to cut off delivery of concrete from this and other plants. Investigators estimate that such collusion inflates New York City construction costs by as much as 20%.*

covey of companies that bid on the concrete construction work. Together they have won contracts worth more than \$71 million from ten big construction jobs, including Trump Plaza, a luxury apartment building on Manhattan's East Side.

The government charges that bidding on these projects was further rigged in favor of Salerno's companies through collusion with two ready-mix firms: Certified Concrete Co. and Transit-Mix Concrete Corp. Both are owned by Edward J. "Biff" Halloran, who is better known for the midtown hotel Halloran House, which he once owned. He denies any collusion.

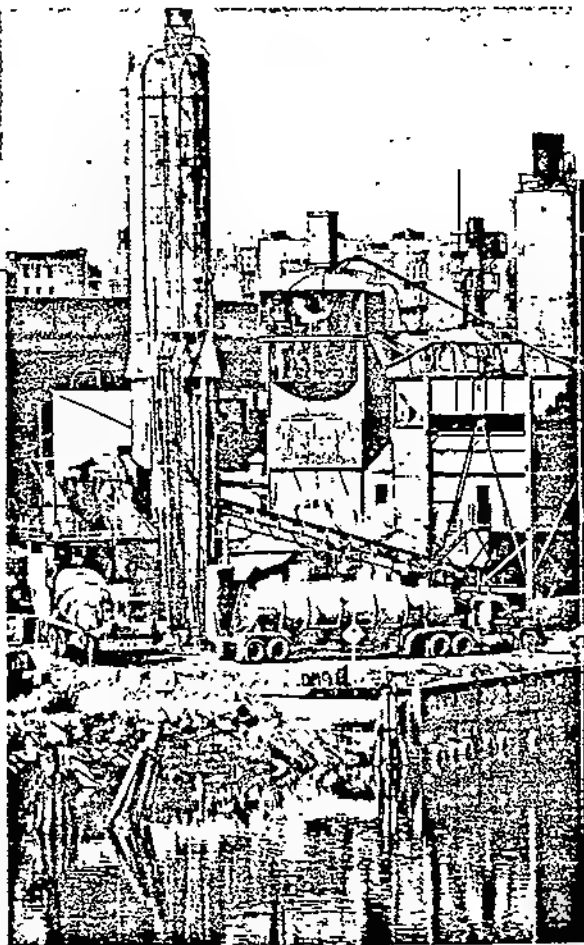
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Salerno's hand in union affairs reaches right to the top. The Justice Department charges that it was he who "selected" Roy Williams to lead the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1981 and then ordered union officials to elect him president. Williams was imprisoned for conspiring in 1979 to bribe Howard Cannon, then a U.S. Senator from Nevada. Even so, federal prosecutors say that Salerno continues to hold "effective control" of the union under the current president, Jackie Presser.

Tony and his wife, Margaret, often relaxed at their estate in Rhinebeck, New York. For the five years that ended last December, they were a two-income family. The government charges that Marathon Enterprises, a New Jersey food-processing company, paid Margaret "brokerage fees" on sales of hot dogs and other delicatessen foods to supermarkets, sports arenas, and street vendors. She received these payments even on sales to such reputable companies as Chock Full O' Nuts (restaurants), Pathmark (supermarkets), and Canteen Corp. (vending machines). The Justice Department claims that Genovese soldiers arranged the kickbacks by threatening Marathon with "force, violence, and fear of economic loss."

For all his wealth and power, Salerno operated modestly before being arrested. His office was not in one of the gleaming midtown Manhattan towers whose construction

costs he had driven up, but in the Palma Boy Social Club, in a storefront in teeming East Harlem. For a long time Salerno attended to business at the Palma or puttered around his Rhinebeck estate without encountering much trouble from the feds. His principal worry was his weight, and he spent weeks at fat farms trying to slim down. The plump times ended after the FBI planted a bug in the Palma Boy Club, which produced much of the evidence for the racketeering charges Salerno now faces. Even if he is convicted and sent to prison, Salerno will probably continue his unchallenged control of the Genovese family.

**C**HICAGO'S BOSS, Anthony Accardo, 80, boasts that he has never spent a night in jail. Like many a chief executive lately, he was called back from retirement (at the Indian Wells club near Palm Springs, California) when the organization he had long headed faced a sudden management crisis: The leadership of the Chicago Outfit was packed off to jail early this year. Accardo's renewed position raises him to No. 2 on the list.

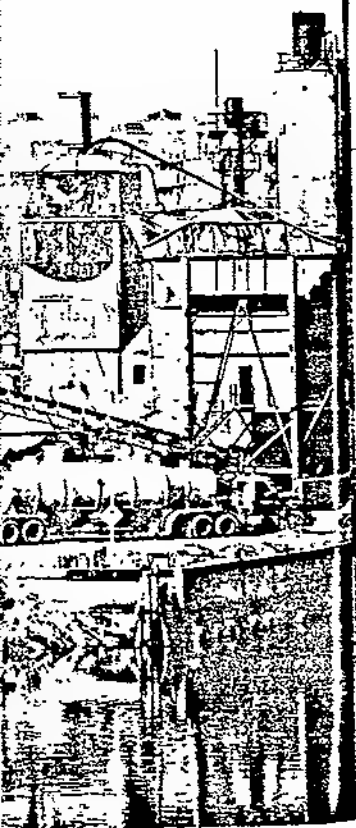
Accardo is reputed to have been a machine-gunner for Al Capone, and he is called "Joe Batters" by his Mafia cronies because of the baseball bat he formerly used for persuasion. He has always been a master of strategic planning. His formidable Outfit is a racketeering combine that runs everything

from diaper services to funeral parlors; its efficiency is envied throughout the Mafia. Accardo was the architect of the intricate power plays that made the Outfit the dominant force in the rackets from the Great Lakes to the Pacific over the past decade. Now, with a cadre of couriers winging back and forth from Chicago to California, he functions as the chairman of the board. His operations chief in Chicago is Joseph Ferriola, 59, a disciplined underboss who survived heart bypass surgery last year and is No. 20 on the list. Ferriola's organizational skills are well known. In the Seventies he muscled back into the fold the bookies in Chicago who had tried to be independent.

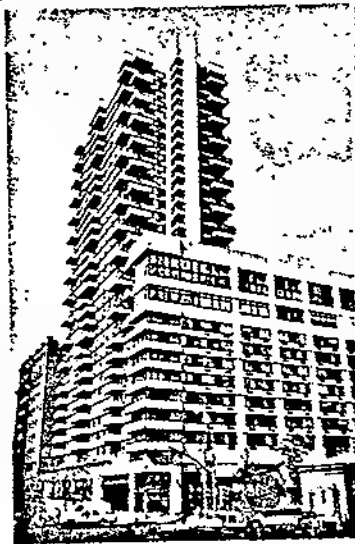
Discipline is the Outfit's guiding management principle. The Chicago mob imposes a "street tax" on all illegal activities and on some legitimate ones as well. Bookies, hookers, narcotics peddlers, even owners of bars, restaurants, and parking lots pay from 10% to 50% of their gross revenues, depending on the profitability of their operations and the amount of protection required to keep them running. Another city with a street tax is Philadelphia. But organized-crime leaders there have not been very effective in collecting it—not even after the so-called Docile Don, Angelo Bruno, was murdered in 1980 and replaced by the violence-prone Nicodemus Scarfo (No. 43) in a prolonged 18-death gang war in the City of Brotherly Love.

The Outfit maintains especially tight discipline over its internal security. Chicago insurance executive Allen Dorfman, a sophisticated money manager, pioneered the use of union welfare and pension funds to finance an underworld bank in the 1960s. First he funneled loans from the Teamsters' Central States pension fund to several casino-hotels in Las Vegas. Then he showed Accardo and associates how to establish health care organizations in which participating doctors and dentists gave the Outfit kickbacks after overcharging union patients. Dorfman, who personally received kickbacks for processing the Teamster loans and insurance claims, knew too much about the Outfit's finances. He was gunned down in a suburban Chicago parking lot in 1983.

Beginning in 1970 strongman Anthony Spilotro was stationed in Las Vegas to monitor casino skimming and to see that the money flowed smoothly back to his bosses in Chicago. Known as "Tony the Ant" because of his squat, close-to-the-ground appearance, he did not keep an appropriately low business profile, operating out of a Las Vegas hamburger joint called the Food Factory.



Trump Plaza: \$7.8 million in concrete



The Columbia: a \$10.4-million contract



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From there he dabbled in real estate and set up sidelines to control burglary, fencing, and prostitution on the Strip.

But Spilotro failed to keep the skimming operation well disciplined. Some of the men he supposedly controlled turned up as government witnesses, resulting in the January conviction of Chicago's former ruling duo, Joseph Aiuppa (No. 21) and John Philip "Jackie" Cerone (No. 30). Imprisoned with them were seven other gang leaders, including Carl DeLuna (No. 33), the Kansas City mob's comptroller, whose meticulously kept financial records were

uncovered by the FBI (see facing page).

Last June, Tony Spilotro and his brother Mike were found buried in an Indiana cornfield. Investigations suggested they had been garroted and may have been buried alive. In any case, they were victims of wise-guy rules: They had not prevented the guys from spilling the beans, so they suffered the consequences. "There's no way Spilotro could have been killed without Accardo's approval," says Patrick Healy, executive director of the Chicago Crime Commission.

Spilotro's execution may lead to the disintegration of an important peace-keeping pact, hatched by Accardo in 1977, that ceded authority in Las Vegas to the Outfit in Chicago and gave Atlantic City to New York Mafia families. Former FBI agent William Roemer, who spent 23 years taming Accardo and his cohorts and now is a consultant to the Chicago Crime Commission, says the deal had a grandfather clause. "According to the 1977 agreement, the Eastern mob could keep what it had in Las Vegas, but it couldn't start anything new. Spilotro was there to enforce the edict."

In the confused aftermath of Spilotro's death, competition from New York is challenging the Outfit's hegemony in Las Vegas. Federal and state authorities as well as the Las Vegas police have detected a resurgence of Eastern mob activity, particularly by the Genoveses. "The Outfit's beat up real bad," says an undercover cop. "Not just in Chicago, but here in Las Vegas. The New York guys are taking advantage of it."

Police say that Vincent "Chin" Gigante (No. 19), a Genovese capo, is seizing much of the power previously held by the Outfit and dispensed through Spilotro. Gigante is gigantic, a hulking former boxer who fits the Genovese rough-and-tumble style. He serves on what amounts to the Coun-

venes' three-man executive committee, with Tony Salerno and Louis Manna (No. 39).

The aftermath of Spilotro's assassination and the vacuum it has left in Las Vegas have hurt the Outfit's reputation on the West Coast. Other mobsters have taken to calling its California operatives the "Mickey Mouse Mafia." This doesn't bode well for West Coast boss Peter Milano (No. 46), who is supported by Accardo in Los Angeles. When a franchise operated by the Outfit turns sour, it can prove terminal for any field representative connected with it. What is happening on the West Coast may be a mild precursor of things to come in Chicago. The aged Accardo has heart disease, and when he dies the Outfit may find itself in turmoil.

**A**MONG THE MAFIA'S aging executives a true yuppie has emerged. Michael Franzese (No. 18), the son of convicted bank robber and Colombo chieftain John "Sonny" Franzese, is a fast-talking 35-year-old businessman and handsome father of five. He put together a cartel that produced feature movies (including the horror film *Mausoleum* and a youth-gang musical called *Knights of the City*), ran a discotheque, sold and repaired automobiles, operated construction firms, and achieved a near monopoly of independent gasoline sales on Long Island. Mike seemed to strive to shed the reputation of his father, telling the press last year: "Absolutely, I know people that my father associated with. That doesn't mean I have to do business with them, or have to be part of any type life they're aligned to be in. It's all nonsense."

A 28-count, 99-page federal indictment tells another story. The government accuses young Franzese of ripping off more than \$5 million in tax fraud, insurance fraud, fraudulent loans, and the fraudulent operation of two auto dealerships. The victims of his car sales scam included General Motors, Honda Motors of America, and Beneficial Commercial Corp. Investigations also reveal that he cheated New York, New Jersey, and Florida out of hundreds of millions in gasoline taxes.

The gas tax scam was accomplished through what federal prosecutor Jerry D. Bernstein calls a "daisy chain of phony companies." Some 20 Franzese oil and gas distributors would make paper sales of gasoline from one company to another until the whole tax bill was owed by one firm known as the "burnout company." It consisted only of a mailing address, a telephone, and a corporate principal who was an illegal alien. The burnout company, in turn, sold the gas to retailers



A skimming citadel, the Stardust is one of the Las Vegas casinos where cash was diverted from counting rooms to the mob.

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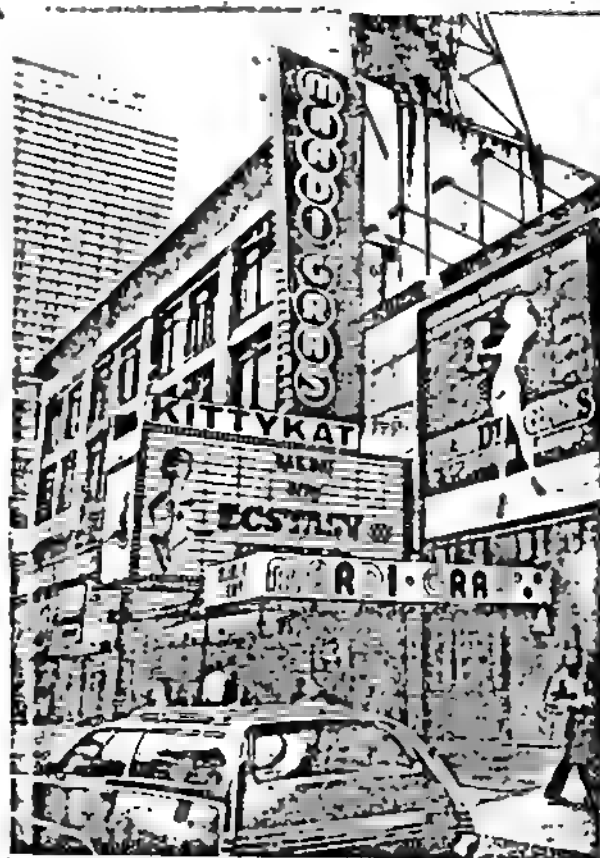
## THE BOOKKEEPER WHO DID HIS JOB TOO WELL

house, had no trouble cracking the code that camouflaged the various entries. No. 22, for example, stood for Chicago boss Joe Aiuppa. No. 21 was Aiuppa's enforcer, Jackie Cerone. The nicknames "Fancy-pants" or "Beerman" applied to Frank Balistreri, the Milwaukee boss. "ON" (for *onorevole*, meaning honorable in Italian) was Nick Civella, the Kansas City Mafia chief and DeLuna's boss.



DeLuna was a cautious accountant. If he did not actually see the money change hands, he said so to distance himself from any defalcations.

team: Carl Thomas ("CT" in the ledger page below), a gambling boss at the Tropicana; Joe Agosto ("Ceaser"), casino manager at the Tropicana, and Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal ("Craze"), the mob's man at the Stardust. Next he met Glick, who two days later announced his casinos were for sale.



The Mardi Gras, a girls bar in Manhattan, was one of many businesses operated by Genovese capo Matthew Ianniello, No. 35.

with an invoice marked "all taxes paid." Then the burnout company would declare bankruptcy, and Franzese would create another dummy chain.

In spite of his clean-cut image, Mike Franzese inherited his father's business tactics and violent ways. According to Bernstein, one of his goons broke the head of a competitor with a ball peen hammer. And an auditor who questioned Franzese's books was threatened by a Franzese associate: "You don't know who you're messing with. We'll cut your heart out." Franzese told a friend who could implicate him in the gasoline tax scam that the man's son would be murdered if he didn't vanish beyond the reach of U.S. courts. The man fled to Panama. Four months later he returned in federal custody to testify against Franzese.

In March, Franzese agreed to plead guilty to racketeering and conspiracy charges, accept a prison term of ten years, forfeit assets worth \$4.8 million, and pay an additional \$10 million to the states defrauded in the gasoline tax scam. He was able to persuade the Justice Department that he couldn't possibly

come up with the \$14.8 million if he was stuck behind bars—not even after selling his various houses and signing over his movie rights. An extraordinary deal was struck. Before going to prison, Franzese was permitted limited freedom under the guard of deputy U.S. marshals. The surveillance costs were to be paid by Franzese, who was soon seen (and to the embarrassment of the government, filmed by an NBC-TV news crew) scurrying around Hollywood with his posse in tow. The farce ended when Franzese, reverting to form, gave a bad check to the U.S. Marshals Service to pay for his guards. A federal judge sent him off to prison.

The investigation of Franzese's affairs revealed yet another crooked business—the 700-member Allied International Union, a large labor union of private security guards. Its members worked in sensitive spots as diverse as nuclear

power plants and gambling casinos. Allied International had been a joint venture of the Genoveses, Gambinos, and Colombos. But when the Genovese and Gambino partners died, it became exclusively a Colombo operation.

Before Allied International came under Franzese's wing, Daniel Cunningham, a builder in Smithtown, Long Island, thought he had bought control of the union from one of the Genoveses for \$80,000. Cunningham saw a way to get rich. He took \$134,000 a year in salary and expenses and put his wife, ex-wife, and girlfriend on the union payroll. Cunningham admitted trying to call a guard strike against five nuclear power plants along the Eastern Seaboard, including Three Mile Island, and threatening to strike the Atlantic City casinos. He was indicted for embezzlement, racketeering, and bribery in 1981.

Testifying last year before the President's Commission on Organized Crime, Cunningham explained that when he attempted to sell control of the union to Mike Franzese after going to jail, the latter responded: "Why should I buy something I already own?" Cun-

ningham reported that he was replaced by one of Franzese's sidekicks, who promptly shifted the union's pension fund to a Virgin Islands insurance company that granted Franzese a home mortgage free not only of interest but of principal payments as well.

**G**ARBAGE COLLECTION, which depends on union control, has been a favorite Mafia target. Mob leaders tried unsuccessfully to infiltrate this business in Chicago, Des Moines, and other cities, but succeeded in the New York area, where municipal governments provide garbage pickup just for houses and apartments. Restaurants, hotels, nightclubs, even the United Nations do not get the city's Sanitation Department service; private companies, called carters, do the job. The carters allocate customers among themselves, buying and selling client businesses for from \$2,000 to \$2 million each. What the carters are buying is the right to overcharge.

Peter Reuter, senior economist with Rand Corp., figures that the allocation scheme inflates private garbage collection prices from 35% to 65% in New York. The harder prosecutors pursue the racketeers, the more notorious the garbage business becomes and the less attractive the business is to legitimate competitors. Says Reuter: "That is the value of a bad reputation."

The only competition is among Mafia families vying for the business. On Long Island the Luccheses and the Gambinos struck a deal to split garbage collection payoffs from various carters. Anthony Corallo (No. 3), the Lucchese boss who is standing trial with Tony Salerno, controlled the employers' group, Private Sanitation Industries Associates Inc. James Failla (No. 36), a Gambino capo, held sway over the garbage truck drivers as overseer of Teamsters Local 813. Every three months Corallo had to pay Failla \$50,000 for his cooperation.

Corallo, called "Tony Ducks" because of his previous success in ducking subpoenas, and Salvatore Avellino, his chauffeur-enforcer, thought the best way to eliminate payments to Failla was to start a rival Teamsters local. Through a bug planted behind the dashboard of Avellino's Jaguar, the New York State Organized Crime Task Force overheard him telling a friend how such a rival union could be organized and used: "Let's take a son-in-law, somebody, put them into the [union] office; they got a job. Let's take somebody's daughter, whatever, she's the secretary. Let's staff it with our people." Then, so his listener fully understand how

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### THE MOB'S OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

■ Consultants are almost as popular with organized crime families as they are with corporations. These special counselors—lawyers, labor experts, and political advisers—shuttle between members of the mob and moviemakers, hotel and casino operators, owners of professional sports franchises, corporate chief executives, and public officeholders. They claim to be aboveboard with nothing to hide. But when forced to testify under oath about their underworld connections, they usually become vague.

Chicago lawyer Sidney R. Korshak has represented Hilton Hotels Corp., the Los Angeles Dodgers, and numerous other corporations. Nevertheless, former FBI agent William Roemer describes Korshak as "the most important link between organized crime and legitimate business." He has a marvelous ability to help his clients settle labor difficulties.

Korshak has always been careful to conceal his organized-crime connections. Investigators learned, however, that in 1958 he helped Tony Accardo draw up a contract that paid the Chicago mob boss \$65,000 a year as an employee of a wholesaler called Premium Beer Sales. An FBI bug planted in a mob hangout revealed that Korshak used the code name "Mr. Lincoln" in his underworld dealings. Jimmy Fratianno, a gangster-turned-informer, said in his biography *The Last Mafioso*, that the now-imprisoned former Chicago boss Joe Aiuppa told him: "Sid is our man," adding that he has "been our man his whole life." In 1983 Joseph Hauser, a convicted insurance swindler, testified before a Senate labor investigation that Accardo had told him "on several occasions [that] he had sent Korshak to Los Angeles to represent the mob there."

Two years ago Korshak shed a little light on his fixer's role with Hilton. During the hotel's unsuccessful attempt to get a casino license in New Jersey, Chairman Barron Hilton announced that he was dropping Korshak's services because of the Division of Gaming Enforcement's concern about Korshak's underworld connections. The hotel had previously paid him \$700,000 in fees.

Korshak fired off an angry response to

the chairman that was later turned over to the state's gaming investigators: "I read with interest your disparaging remarks about me," he wrote. "When did you discover that I was associated with characters that shocked your most decent sensibilities?" Korshak added: "You will remember calling me in Las Vegas at six one morning while you were with [movie executives] Kirk Kerkorian and Frank Rothman to ask the unions involved not to strike you. As you well know, there was no fee involved."

Labor consultant Jack McCarthy is still in business even after taking on Rico Construction Co. of Long Island as a client in 1979. Facetiously named after the antitrust statute, Rico was an FBI front. In a series of secretly taped conversations, McCarthy agreed to get Rico non-union carpenters for a \$5,000 bribe and a promise of future payments.

McCarthy had already served time for accepting kickbacks on Teamster pension fund loans and should have suspected that he was being set up. But he did not. Soon he lured Teddy Maritas, boss of the District Council of Carpenters, into the taped conversations. The FBI promptly arrested Maritas and tried him for working with gangsters to rig bids and shake down contractors. The jury was unable to reach a verdict, and Maritas disappeared before he could be retried. Authorities believe he was murdered. McCarthy pleaded guilty to extortion and went to prison again. He was freed in 1982, but is still under close watch. "We intend to limit history from repeating itself," says Ray Maria, deputy inspector general of the Labor Department.

In Chicago politics and organized crime have always been linked. The FBI has had Pat Marcy, a 1st Ward Democratic leader, under surveillance since the late 1960s. Former FBI agent Roemer told Senate investigators in 1983, "Marcy has been calling the shots of the mob as far as politics is concerned for many, many, many years. He was the conduit through which orders of the Outfit passed to those politicians and public officials who were under their control." And he still is.

the new union's leaders would dispense with a dissident, Avellino added: "and when we say go break this guy's balls ... they're there, seven o'clock in the morning to break the guy's balls."

Avellino went on to detail how profitable a union could be in overcharging for phantom garbage: "This is what he [Corallo] tells me. A strong union makes money for everybody, including the wise guys ... because the envelopes [of money] ... are bigger and better ... 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 50,000 ... I can't even carry them."

Corallo did not start a Teamster local to rival the Gambino one. But he controls others, notably Teamster locals 295 and 851, whose members play a key role in the \$4.2-billion-a-year air freight business at New York's Kennedy Airport. His union clout helped block the proposed \$63-million merger in 1983 of Air Express International and CF Air Freight, a subsidiary of Consolidated Freightways. According to Air Express's labor contract, the company had to continue the existing Teamster pact, even if it merged. That was unacceptable to Consolidated. Corallo's men offered to abrogate the contract for \$500,000 in cash. Both companies balked at the shakedown and abandoned the merger plan.

Corallo's extortion attempts were usually more successful. Six air freight companies operating at Kennedy—Air Express, Union Air Transport, Kamino Air Transport, Schenkers International Forwarders, Three Way Corp., and Hi's Airport Service—funneled more than \$1.1 million to the Corallo mob between 1978 and 1985. FBI wiretaps on the home phone of Corallo's airport overseer revealed the payoffs. Paul Vario (No. 32) and three other Corallo lieutenants pleaded guilty.

**I**N MANY CITIES mobsters use Teamster connections to shake down legitimate companies. In Detroit, Vincent Meli (No. 41) captured the entire steelhauling business with the connivance of crooked Teamster officials in Local 124. His trucking company, Trans-Steel, obtained such favorable contracts that it did not even pay drivers fringe benefits. Meli drove all his competitors out of business. "I know of no other industry in the area where organized crime has achieved such control," says Craig Woodhouse, an investigator for the Department of Labor.

Mafia entrepreneurship took a different tack in Scranton, Pennsylvania. There Eugene Boffa, an associate of the local Mafia

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boss Russell Bufalino (No. 13), organized what he called a "labor leasing" business. The President's Commission on Organized Crime reported that to get the new venture off the ground, Boffa gave "bribes and kickbacks" to "corrupt Teamsters," including President Jackie Presser. Boffa established 30 labor-leasing companies to provide truck drivers to such giants as Shell Oil Co., Continental Corp., Coca-Cola, American Cyanamid, Crown Zellerbach, and International Paper.

The labor-leasing scheme worked like this: The client "corporations would fire all of their drivers and Boffa would rehire them at a reduced wage," the President's Commission reported. In return, Boffa received fees ranging from 7% to 10% of the drivers' gross wages. Then he handed over 50% of his share to boss Bufalino.

The surest way to get ahead in the Mafia is to kill. That explains the sudden rise to prominence of John Gotti (No. 13). As a petty crook, Gotti had the humiliating habit of getting caught, usually as a result of sloppy bravado. Though he is only 46, he has served prison terms of one year for attempted burglary and four years for stealing truckloads of clothing at Kennedy Airport, and he is on

trial for hijacking armored trucks. Law enforcement authorities say he arranged the execution last December of Gambino boss "Big Paul" Castellano and his bodyguard outside Sparks Steak House in Manhattan.

**T**HE PRESS portrays Gotti as the new boss of the Gambino clan and the reincarnation of Al Capone. His custom-tailoring, his black Mercedes 450 SL, his wisecracks in court, even his carefully coiffed pompadour made him a sudden sensation. But his superstar status is more image than substance. He claims to be a distributor of phonograph records. His experience is really as a loan shark, hijacker, and hit man. He does not seem qualified to run the Gambino family's complex businesses, which range from meat and poultry sales to a garment industry trade association. Besides, if he is sentenced to the maximum 45-year prison term, his newly acquired and self-proclaimed control over the Gambino family would evaporate.

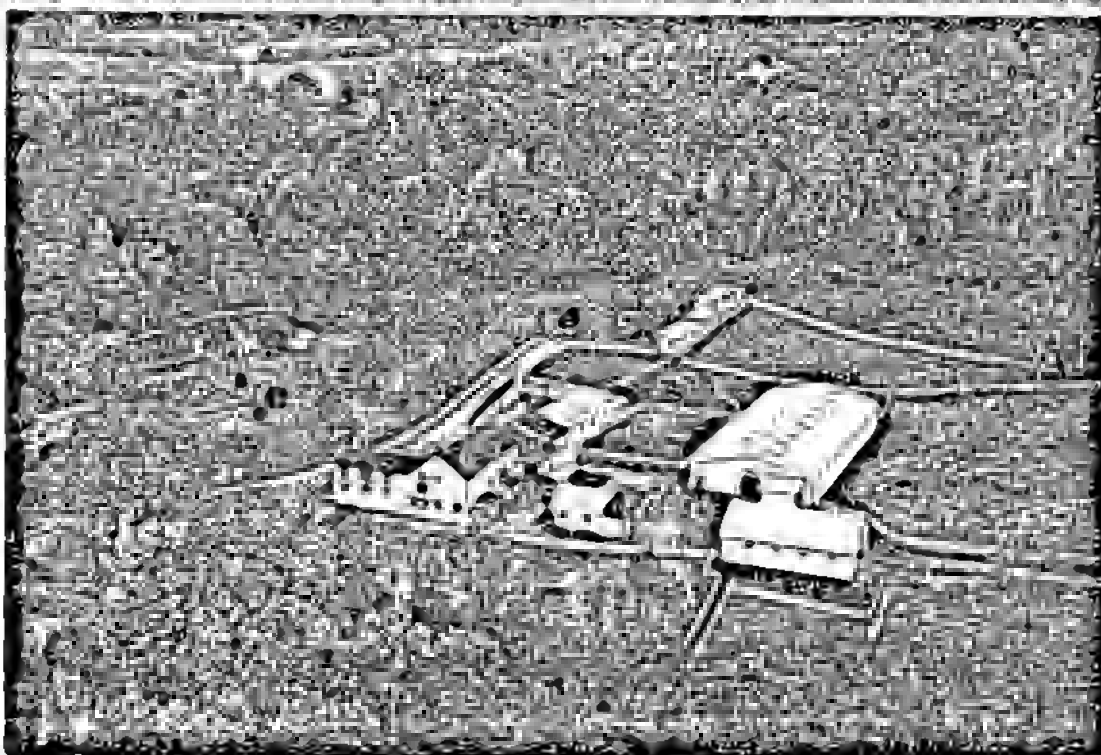
The President's Commission on Organized Crime reported that the Gambino meat and grocery operations are so vast that legitimate food producers feel compelled to deal with them. Paul Castellano, Gotti's victim,

ran Dial Poultry Co., a large distribution company in Brooklyn, now managed by his sons Paul Jr. and Joseph. Big Paul's cousin Peter Castellano Sr. is listed as sales manager of Quarex Industries, another wholesale company with sales of more than \$100 million.

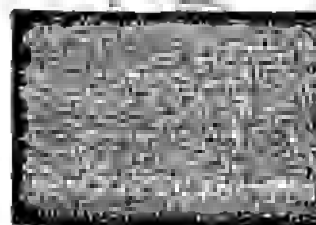
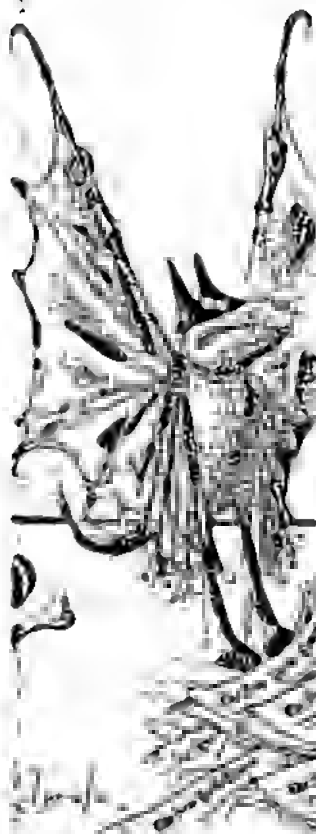
Frank Perdue, who heads the famous \$840-million-a-year chicken processing company, used Dial Poultry to distribute his chickens. Perdue's relationship with the Castellanos, as the President's Commission put it, shows that some legitimate businessmen turn to "organized crime-connected companies" to gain a competitive edge.

Initially, Perdue told the President's Commission, he was reluctant to have anything to do with Dial because of Paul Castellano's notoriety as a Mafia boss. But when Perdue saw Dial as a way of expanding his sales, he recalled, "I started saying to myself, 'Why shouldn't I have some of that business?'" As his sales to Dial increased, Perdue sought Big Paul's help in fighting a union-organizing campaign at his processing plant in Accomac, Virginia. Perdue explained: "I just thought, you know, they have long tentacles, shall we say, and I figured he may be able to help." By long tentacles, Perdue said that he meant

The ground floor of the Dial Poultry Co. building in Brooklyn, N.Y., is a maze of corridors and rooms. The building is a prime example of the Mafia's ability to control a business.



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### AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Organized crime in the U.S. is not a Mafia monopoly. Members of the Chinese Triad secret societies and Japanese Yakuza have acquired growing influence in Hawaii and on the West Coast, where their legal and illegal enterprises range from prostitution and heroin to commercial real estate. Vietnamese underworld gangs operate in California and Texas, and the so-called Israeli Mafia is based in Los Angeles. Even a Russian emigré gang works extortion and narcotics rings in New York City. And in September a jury convicted 11 members of a Taiwanese crime syndicate, United Bamboo, of racketeering and drug dealing in the same Manhattan courthouse where eight of the top 50 Mafia bosses are now on trial.

At least three other groups have become strong enough to strike deals with the Italian-American mob. Most powerful are Colombian cocaine and marijuana traffickers, who are shattering the widely held assumption of Mafia omnipotence.

For one thing, the Colombians' sources of supply, their cocaine-processing labs, and their armed strongholds in Latin America are beyond the Mafia's reach. For another, Colombian gunmen in the U.S. are known not only for shooting their targets, but for picking off the victims' relatives as well. Even Genovese and Bonanno hitters are afraid to challenge these wild men, preferring a policy of appeasement, and a cut of the profits for serving as their distributors.

Perhaps the biggest cocaine trafficker is Colombian Carlos Enrique Lehder Rivas, 38, a fugitive from the Drug Enforcement Administration who is also known as Joe Lehder. Arrested in Detroit in 1973 for smuggling stolen cars, Lehder was imprisoned for two years and then deported to Bogotá. Back home he got into the drug business, acquiring jungle plantations and processing labs. He also assembled a private army and a fleet of fast ships and planes, and built a well-guarded base for his smuggling activities on Norman's Cay in the Bahamas.

With the assistance of fugitive American financier Robert Vesco, Lehder's

men struck a deal with Fidel Castro's officials to let drug-laden planes fly through Cuban air space unimpeded for two hours a day. Federal agents estimate that Lehder's cocaine sales in the U.S. range from 500 to 1,000 kilos a week. At a rock-bottom price of \$6,000 per kilo, his annual revenues would come to between \$160 million and \$320 million.

U.S. agents investigating Lehder believe he is hooked on his own wares. He fancies himself a Marxist revolutionary called "Comandante Rambo" but runs



Cocaine king from Colombia, Carlos Lehder Rivas is wanted by the feds.

his far-flung operations from the cockpit of a Learjet. He also owns a newspaper that publishes anti-U.S. diatribes. He pronounced death threats against U.S. diplomats in Colombia and the agents trying to close down his business on American soil.

Other crime groups, such as the Pagan Motorcycle Club and the Cuban "Corporation," have also reached accommodation with various Mafia families. The Pagan "bikers," who are Americans, work with the Philadelphia mob in drug trafficking and extortions, while the Corporation (estimated annual net profit: \$45 million) operates numbers games in New York and New Jersey. The Cubans reportedly surrender a small percentage of their gross revenues to the Genoveses and Bonannos. But in Gambino territory the split goes the other way. To keep the peace, the Gambinos give 35% of all gambling proceeds—horses, casinos, and numbers—to the Cubans.

"Mafia" and "mob" connections. Castellano, who said, "Accornac is a long way from Brooklyn," did not do anything to help Perdue.

The Mafia's net income, the gross revenues less such overhead costs as salaries, transportation, entertainment, and payoffs, is conservatively estimated at \$30 billion a year by the President's commission. But the profits present a bit of a problem. Much of the money comes in \$10 and \$20 bills; making a big purchase with, say, hundreds of pounds of greenbacks could be incriminating. Before this dirty money can be safely spent or pumped into legitimate businesses, it must be laundered.

One solution is to employ chandestime couriers to transport the cash to banks in the Bahamas, Switzerland, or Hong Kong. But an easier way was the system used by Genaro Angiulo (No. 34), the silver-haired underboss in Boston. Workers in Angiulo's North End headquarters merely stuffed the money into brown grocery bags and walked three blocks to a branch of the First National Bank of Boston. They returned with cashier's checks.

Even though Angiulo acquired an ocean-front estate in suburban Nahant and a \$320,000 yacht to go with it, his bucket brigade of deposits drew no special attention. The myriad transactions occurred despite a federal regulation passed in 1970 that required all banks to report cash receipts of \$10,000 or more. In 1981 the U.S. government deployed agents to eavesdrop on Angiulo's operation. The inquiry resulted in racketeering charges against Angiulo and deep trouble for the Boston bank.

Angiulo's associates purchased cashier's checks totaling \$8.3 million between 1979 and 1982, according to the federal investigation. The bank failed to report 105 checks bought for \$1.8 million in cash, as well as some \$1.2 billion in foreign cash transfers, unrelated to Angiulo. The bank pleaded guilty and was fined \$500,000. Angiulo was fined \$120,000 and sent to prison for 45 years. At his trial it was disclosed that the FBI, using wiretaps, had overheard the following admissions:

"We buried 20 Irishmen to take this town over," bragged Angiulo. "We are bookmakers. We're selling marijuana. We are illegal here, illegal there. Arsonists. We are everything."

"Pimps," added a sidekick. "So what!" snapped Angiulo, unwilling, it seemed, to omit one division from his complete catalogue of businesses.

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On 11/3/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that neither JOSEPH N. GALLO nor JOSEPH ARMONE are happy about the CASTELLANO homicide. If either or both gave their approval to kill CASTELLANO, neither one approved of the way it was done; ARMONE for one is very displeased about the tremendous publicity surrounding the killings.

Source is of the opinion that CASTELLANO's murder was not sanctioned by the GAMBINO Family in any formal meeting and that the only other Organized Crime Family which may have had involvement is the Bonanno Family through JOEY MESSINA.

ANGELO RUGGIERO, who was the prime "mover" to effect the murder of PAUL CASTELLANO has made many enemies since the killings and is now considered a "junk dealer" not to be trusted.

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On 11/3/86 [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

JOSEPH N. GALLO is maintaining a very low profile regarding Organized Crime related activities. GALLO is still in a "state of shock" regarding his recent indictment and arrest on Federal RICO charges.

[redacted] GALLO wants very much to get [redacted] in the Family.

GALLO and JOHN GOTTI, after the CASTELLANO homicide, had a big disagreement as to how best "run the Family." GALLO wanted the power base to remain in the hands of the "older" more experienced Capos, while GOTTI is set on placing younger, hand picked members in more control of Family business.

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On 11/17/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

JOSEPH N. GALLO is a millionaire because of his Organized Crime activity over the years. GALLO is working very hard to try to get [redacted] in the GAMBINO Organized Crime Family. Source advised that to source's knowledge GALLO is not involved in narcotics operations and was not aware of ANGELO RUGGIERO's involvement in narcotics.

Source advised that GALLO has all sorts of connections in the New York political arena and rumor has it that he paid a lot of money to get [redacted]

Source advised that GALLO still supports THOMAS AGRO who is currently dying of cancer. AGRO over the years made GALLO a lot of money and was considered a very good earner. Source is of the very strong opinion that if anybody would have supported AGRO during his time as a federal fugitive it would have been GALLO.

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On 11/26/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that the GAMBINO Family's connection to the recording industry is through JOSEPH ARMONE aka PINEY and his association with [redacted] Source had no personal knowledge regarding ARMONE's relationship with [redacted] RECORDS. Source advised that the NBC filming of JOHN GOTTI, JOE ARMONE, JOE N. GALLO, and FRANK DE CICCIO meeting at the PALACE HOTEL in the early part of 1986 was strictly a "fluke."

Source advised that none of the GAMBINO people there including ARMONE were at the PALACE HOTEL to meet anyone concerning the record industry. There is no doubt that there was an Organized Crime meeting set that evening at the PALACE HOTEL among these people however it had nothing whatsoever to do with the GAMBINO LCN Family's involvement in the record, recording, or entertainment field.

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On 12/3/86, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

JOSEPH ARMONE continues to be very active regarding his leadership role of the GAMBINO LCN Family. ARMONE is another individual who is very wealthy and dedicated to "the dollar" as the bottom line. Along with ARMONE, [redacted] is asserting strong leadership responsibilities in that faction of the Family.

[redacted] will be married soon and on 12/6/86 and a reception is to be held in the same Bronx catering hall where [redacted] got married. Invitations have been sent out to the GAMBINO Family members to attend the wedding, however source is of the opinion that there will be a small turn out.

Source advised that JOSEPH N. GALLO continues to maintain a very low profile and did not attend the recent wake of OLYMPIO GARAFOLA. [redacted] continues to be active with [redacted] and will in all probability be made in the GAMBINO LCN Family the next time the books are open.

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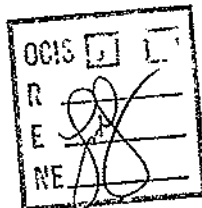
On 1/5/87, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that PINEY is the "unofficial" Underboss of the GAMBINO Crime Family. He holds this position because he has tremendous respect both from within the GAMBINO ranks as well as from the other Organized Crime Families. JOHN GOTTI in turn does not want to give PINEY too much day to day responsibility in running the Family because he does not like PINEY's [redacted] [redacted] GOTTI believes that both [redacted] JOSEPH GIORDANO are incompetent and would sooner or later foul things up for the Family if they were allowed too much freedom to operate.

Source advised that JOSEPH N. GALLO, who recently received a large "Christmas present" from GOTTI has basically been "put out to pasture." GALLO would not be called to any Family business unless it was of the utmost importance that he be there. Source believes that GALLO himself due to his age and health wants to maintain as low a posture as possible with Organized Crime elements. GALLO is very concerned regarding his upcoming trial at the EDNY.

Source advised that JOE CORRAO and [redacted] are spending a lot of time together and [redacted] is also spending a lot of time with [redacted]

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On 1/5/87 [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] continues to meet with [redacted] at the offices of Attorney [redacted] every Tuesday at around 5:30 p.m. It is at these meetings that [redacted] receives his instructions from JOHN GOTTI. [redacted] in turn can relay messages to GOTTI regarding what is happening in the street and wait for instructions either at the next meeting on Tuesday or at secret meetings with [redacted] in the city.

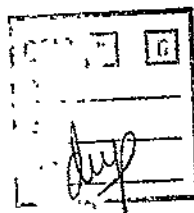
[redacted] continues to have his dinners at TALI'S RESTAURANT every Tuesday evening where he meets with both members of his crew as well as Organized Crime members from the GAMBINO Family or from other Families with whom he has business.

One of the regular attendees at these Tuesday evening meetings is JOE BUTCH CORRAO who is currently very concerned regarding his upcoming trial in the SDNY which is due to commence on 2/17/87.

Source advised that along with JOE BUTCH, [redacted] and JOE ARMONE visit [redacted] at TALI'S RESTAURANT. Source advised that collectively [redacted] and PINEY have provided approximately one million dollars in revenue to GOTTI since his incarceration.

Source advised that PINEY visits JOHN GOTTI at jail on Sundays, approximately two times a month. PINEY goes to the MCC on the pretext of visiting with ANGELO RUGGIERO as a co-defendant in his case and when RUGGIERO is brought down to see PINEY, JOHN GOTTI is brought along with him.

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# Mob insider fights to stay outside jail

By JERRY CAPECI

Daily News Staff Writer

Gambino crime family consigliere Joseph N. Gallo, confidante of Mafia bosses for more than three decades, claims he has testified about high-level mob doings before five state and federal grand juries since 1967.

In papers filed in Brooklyn federal court, Gallo has asserted that between 1967 and 1984 he provided grand juries in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens with "incriminating" information about himself and his relationships with numerous mobsters, including Carlo Gambino, Paul Castellano, and John Gotti.

Gallo also asserted that each time he testified about his high-ranking friends he was granted immunity from prosecution and "compelled" to answer questions.

## An 'elder statesman'

Gallo, 74, has long been viewed as an elder statesman of crime, blessed with sphinx-like discretion and a fox-like talent for evading law enforcement.

He depicts himself now as the gangbuster's best friend as he battles a racketeering indictment—the first of his lengthy career.

Gallo, who was charged last June, contends that frustrated FBI agents and Organized Crime Strike Force prosecutors illegally used his previous grand jury testimony to lodge racketeering charges against him.

The prosecutors counter that Gallo's grand jury performances played no role in his indictment. They say they have never read his testimony and speculate that it probably contained "an endless procession of 'I don't know' or 'I can't remember.'"

"If history has taught us anything (Gallo's testimony) could hardly amount to substantive testimony relevant to this prosecution," strike force prosecutors Douglas Grover and Laura Ward responded in their court papers.

But Gallo's attorney, Dominic Amorosa, who has examined the mobster's grand jury testimony, contends that "all of (Gallo's) compelled testimony is directly relevant to the charges against him." He also charges the government with "an extraordinary abuse of prosecutorial power."

## 17-count indictment

In the 17-count racketeering indictment, which alleges crimes dating back to 1967, Gallo is charged with robbery, loan sharking, bribery, and conspiring to murder an unknown victim among his

15 codefendants are six Gambino capos, including Gotti's right-hand-man-in-crime, Angelo Ruggiero.

Gallo was one of 13 high-ranking mobsters arrested in September 1986, when Queens police raided a Mafia Commission meeting at La Stella Restaurant on Queens Blvd., according to court testimony.

Gallo, who attended the meeting with Gambino and former underboss Aniello Dellacroce, was asked about that conclave in his first grand jury appearance in 1967, according to his affidavit.

His last grand jury appearance was in 1984, when a Manhattan grand jury subpoenaed him to testify about loan sharking and his "associations over 30 years with" Castellano, Dellacroce, Gotti and Thomas Bilotti, a capo who was killed with



**TIME AND TESTIMONY** have not been kind to 74-year-old Joseph N. Gallo, shown at left being released from jail in 1968, and in custody last year.

Castellano in 1985.

Gallo is seeking dismissal of the indictment. If that is rejected he has asked for a nonjury trial.

## Question of impartiality

Claiming that numerous references to the Mafia in the indictment would make it impossible for a jury to be impartial, Gallo wants Chief Judge Jack Weinstein to de-

cide whether he has been a gangster for the last 20 years. Prosecutors will oppose the request.

"Like all defendants, the government is entitled to a jury trial. Especially in this case, when the integrity of the prosecution has been raised. The only way to diffuse public criticism is to have a trial before a jury of his peers," said Grover.

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Source advised that the condition of THOMAS AGRO is well known within the GAMBINO Organized Crime ranks. Source is of the opinion that if anyone is supporting AGRO in his hospitalization it is JOE N. GALLO with whom AGRO was very close for a number of years.

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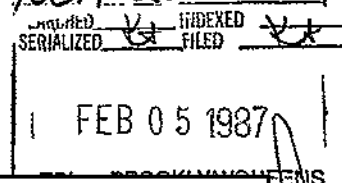
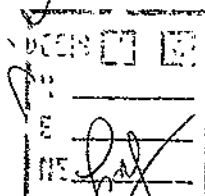
On 2/3/87, [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that all the defendants in the JOE N. GALLO case in the EDNY are fully aware that THOMAS AGRO is going to enter a plea arrangement with the Government. Source advised that there is no special concern regarding this action on the part of AGRO as everyone believes that AGRO is soon going to be dead because of his cancer.

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO has "not been seen around" for some time and source believes that GALLO is retired from activities in the LCN.

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## Jail term is imposed for drug trafficking

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A reputed organized crime figure received a concurrent five-year prison sentence in federal court for his alleged role in an international heroin trafficking conspiracy.

Chief U.S. District Judge T.F. Gilroy Daly on Monday ordered that the sentence be imposed on Guy "Toke" DiGirolamo, of Bridgeport, to run at the same time as the 16-year sentence the defendant received in 1984 on two cocaine-trafficking charges.

DiGirolamo's lawyer, John Iannuzzi of New York, asked Daly to strike the government's version of the offense from the U.S. Probation Department's report.

"It's 12 pages of heroin," Iannuzzi said of the government's version.

Iannuzzi said there was no mention of the drug during DiGirolamo's change of plea on Jan. 6. He also said John Durham, who prosecuted the case for the U.S. Justice Department's Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force had no right to compile the report.

During the proceedings, Iannuzzi told Daly that DiGirolamo was not pleading guilty to a heroin charge but was admitting to interstate travel in aid of racketeering involving a Schedule I narcotics. Heroin is among the Schedule I narcotics.

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2 <sup>14</sup> <sub>PM</sub>	MER	Exited luncheonette and observed standing outside luncheonette on sidewalk where he (Gallo) conversed with unsubs (white hair pushed back, gray jacket, approximately 6' 1") (by himself).
2 <sup>21</sup> <sub>PM</sub>	MER	Gallo walked South bound on sidewalk (Crescent St).
2 <sup>23</sup> <sub>PM</sub>	MER	Surveillance discontinued. SA <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 30px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> FBI, BQ MRA, 2/20/87.

On 2/10/87 [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that JOEY ARMONE continues to have tremendous problems regarding [redacted] Source stated that [redacted] has overstepped his bounds regarding some dealing which he had in Organized Crime matters and JOHN GOTTI is very upset at [redacted] handling of the situation. Source is of the strong opinion that if and when GOTTI is released from prison and again is a "street boss" there will be a lot of changes made in the structure of the GAMBINO family.

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Source advised that at the current time [redacted] is continues to run the daily Family activities, JOSEPH ARMONE is the Acting Underboss, and JOE N. GALLO continues to hold the post of Consigliere. Source advised that GALLO has not been seen around very much and will probably be replaced as soon as GOTTI has an opportunity to do so. Source advised that all of these individuals are under a tremendous amount of pressure because of the recent government inroads in Organized Crime cases.

Source advised that [redacted] for instance is convinced that he is being watched around the clock and therefore on Tuesdays there is very little activity at TALI'S RESTAURANT.

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Regarding the stature of the GAMBINO LCN Family hierarchy, JOHN GOTTI is the Boss; JOE "PINEY" ARMONE is the official Underboss. JOE N. GALLO is the official Consigliere but [redacted] and always has been, the unofficial Consigliere. [redacted] is a Capo.

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On 3/25/87 [redacted] provided the following information to SA [redacted]

Source advised that on Sunday, 3/22/87, JOHN GOTTI met with JOSEPH ARMONE at ARMONE's residence in Brooklyn. GOTTI also met with [redacted] after a christening on Staten Island of [redacted] GOTTI and [redacted] spent about one half hour walking outside the residence and conversing regarding Family business.

Source advised that GOTTI is going to see JOE N. GALLO during the week of 3/22/87 and it will probably be in the later part of the week either on Thursday or Friday. GOTTI will go to GALLO's neighborhood for this meeting.

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Source advised that JOHN GOTTI is rather upset that the media has made some connection between the recent murder of a judge in Astoria, New York, and a possible attempt on the life of JOE N. GALLO by JOHN GOTTI. Source advised that to source's knowledge this was completely erroneous. GOTTI, on his part, plans to meet with GALLO upon his return from Florida and let persons observe the two of them together in the Astoria area so as to quell any rumors of a falling out or possible hostility between the two of them.

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On May 1, 1987, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that JOE N. GALLO is maintaining a very low profile and has not been seen around for quite some time. Source is of the opinion that JOHN GOTTI meets with GALLO in GALLO's neighborhood.

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Source advised that it is source's strong opinion that [redacted].

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[redacted] is driving a brand new tan four door Lincoln town car which was given to him to use by his "captain" (name unknown). This car, which has New York (NY) license plates [redacted] is a loaner until his brand new black one arrives at the dealer on Monday, May 4, 1987. [redacted] is receiving a great deal more respect than he has in the past.

[redacted] was also recently selling raffle tickets to benefit [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), who has been arrested in a "Westies" homicide case. The drawing was to be held at Gough's Bar in early May, 1987.

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# Former Court Clerk Admits Giving Information to Mob

By LEONARD BUDER

A 67-year-old former court clerk pleaded guilty yesterday to charges that she had passed confidential information about organized-crime cases to members of the Gambino crime family while she was working in the United States Court House in Manhattan.

As the former clerk, Mildred Russo, twice said "guilty" when asked for her plea to counts of obstruction of justice, members of her family, including two daughters and a son, sat solemnly in the spectators' section of the courtroom, their heads bowed.

The proceedings took place before Judge Jack B. Weinstein in Federal District Court in Brooklyn, where Mrs. Russo and two other defendants had been scheduled to stand trial starting Monday on racketeering and other charges. The trial of the other two is still to begin Monday.

As part of a plea arrangement with prosecutors, the Government will dismiss a more serious racketeering charge against her.

Mrs. Russo faces a possible maximum prison term of five years and a possible fine of \$10,000 at her sentencing on July 30. She could have faced a maximum prison term of 20 years on the racketeering charge.

She was one of 16 people accused last June in a racketeering and conspiracy indictment and in a related indictment. The indictments said that, over 20 years, members of the group took part in murders, extortion, robbery, labor-racketeering and other crimes. Federal law-enforcement authorities said those indicted included a number of members of what they described as "the ruling hierarchy of the Gambino organized-crime family."

Among those indicted and still awaiting a trial date is Joseph N. Gallo, who was identified as the counselor in the Gambino family, which the Justice Department has publicly described as the largest and most powerful Mafia group in the country. John Gott, the reputed boss of the family, was not named in the indictment.

The racketeering indictment charged that Mrs. Russo conspired from 1975 to 1983 — when she worked in the criminal division of the court — with Gambino family leaders, including the late boss of the family, Paul Castellano, to obtain and pass on information about secret grand jury matters and other criminal proceedings. The information helped organized-crime members flee to avoid arrest and prosecution, the indictment asserted.

In the two counts to which she pleaded guilty, Mrs. Russo was charged with conspiring to obstruct justice with her son-in-law, Augustus Scialfani, who has been identified as being associated with the Gambino group. He is listed as a fugitive, but law-enforcement agents say they believe he is dead.

One of the counts said Mrs. Russo provided information in April 1983 about a sealed grand jury indictment against Alphonse (Junior) Persico, the son of Carmine Persico, who the authorities say is the head of Colombo organized-crime group in the city.

## She Came Under Suspicion

The other said that, in September 1983, she passed on information about another sealed indictment. But that indictment, according to two prosecutors, Douglas E. Grover and Laura A. Ward, was "specious" and had been drawn up to test the honesty of Mrs. Russo, who had come under suspicion.

In both instances, according to the charges, she gave the confidential information to Joseph Corrao, a reputed Gambino captain, who is one of those scheduled for trial Monday.

At yesterday's session, Mrs. Russo, who was earning \$23,000 a year when she was indicted, told Judge Weinstein that she was retired from the court position. Judge Weinstein said her guilty plea could affect her pension.

After her plea was accepted, Judge Weinstein allowed her to remain free on \$50,000 bail.

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# Upcoming Gallo trials have many Island links

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By PHILIP RUSSO  
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

The scorecard after last week's acquittal of reputed mobsters James "Jimmy Brown" Failla and Joseph "Joe Butch" Corrao reads: Government 2, wiseguys 1. Federal prosecutors succeeded in getting one jury conviction and one guilty plea out of the break-up of a 17-count indictment against 16 reputed bosses and associates of the Gambino crime family before losing last week's racketeering, extortion and obstruction of justice trial.

Both Failla, 69, of Evergreen Avenue, Eltingville, and Corrao, 50, of Suffern, N.Y., were identified by law enforcement investigators as powerful Gambino capos, or captains, in the trial.

However, at least one more trial involving charges of murder and extortion is to be brought from what is known in Brooklyn Federal Court as the "Gallo Indictment," named for the lead defendant, Joseph "Joe N." Gallo, 75, the reputed Gambino consigliere, or counselor.

The Gallo indictment, which was broken into a series of smaller trials by U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein, who is sitting on each of them, has many Staten Island connections.

In upcoming trials two Island residents, Jack "Handsome Jack" Giordano, 46, of Braisted Avenue, New Springville, and Salvatore Migliorisi, 49, of Reidel Avenue, Oakwood, are charged with obstruction of justice and extortion, respectively.

Giordano is identified by government law enforcement authorities as a Gambino "soldier," while Migliorisi is said to be an associate, but not a formally inducted member, of the crime family.

If convicted, Migliorisi faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines, while Giordano could get five years and a \$10,000 fine.

In the first trial in March, three men — one a Dongan Hills resident — were convicted on charges of labor racketeering at the Port Mobil tank farm in Charleston. Their alleged activities occurred between 1981 and 1983 during the \$10 million renovation of Port Mobil's deepwater pipeline system.

Louis Giardina, 53, an official of Mason Tenders Local 23 and a Cronwell Circle resident, was

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convicted of racketeering, obstruction of justice and receiving payoffs for labor peace along with Julie Miron, 72, a multi-millionaire building contractor from Great Neck, L.I.

In addition, George Daly, 59, of Hicksville, L.I., an official of Steamfitters Local 638, was convicted on two counts of receiving payoffs for labor peace.

Giardina received a sentence of five years in prison and a fine of between \$10,000 and \$25,000, according to his attorney, James LaRossa. He is free on bail pending his appeal, LaRossa said.

Earlier this month, the only female defendant in the case, Mildred Russo, 66, a deputy clerk in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice for her part in allegedly leaking sealed federal grand jury information about Alphonse "Allie Boy" Persico, 33, of Kell Avenue, Meiers Corners, to Corrao and Failla, who reported the information to Gambino boss Paul "Big Paul" Castellano, of Dongan Hills.

Castellano, who along with his chief capo, Thomas Bilotti, of Eltingville, was murdered Dec. 16, 1985, in a shooting outside a Manhattan restaurant, was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Gallo indictment. Also named was Gambino underboss, Aniello "Mr. O'Neill" Dellacroce, of Grasmere, who died of natural causes two weeks before Castellano and Bilotti's deaths.

According to the indictment, in 1983 Mrs. Russo, at the urging of Failla and Corrao, leaked them confidential documents concerning Failla, as well as information about the impending arrest of

Persico, a reputed "soldier" in the Colombo crime family allegedly headed by his father, Carmine "Junior" Persico.

Although Alphonse Persico was actually arrested before Failla, Corrao and Castellano could warn him with Mrs. Russo's information, Failla and Corrao were indicted for obstruction of justice, a charge which the jury in their trial apparently rejected.

Carmine Persico and his son were both convicted and sentenced to long prison terms in an unrelated racketeering trial of the reputed Colombo crime family hierarchy conducted last year in Manhattan Federal Court.

The Gallo indictment was brought against the reputed leaders of the Gambino crime family a year ago next week as a Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) conspiracy.

The indictment, which covers crimes committed between 1967 and 1986, was broken apart by Weinstein after a flurry of motions for separation by defense attorneys in the case.

The case was developed by the FBI and prosecuted by the federal Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn. The Strike Force has jurisdiction over the same Eastern District area as the U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, but is a separate entity that strictly handles cases dealing with organized crime, particularly the Mafia. The Eastern District is composed of Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island.

Special attorneys Douglas Grover and Laura Ward are trying each of the cases in rapid succession under the prodding of Weinstein, the chief judge in the courthouse.

At the time the indictment was announced, Edward McDonald, chief of the Strike Force, called it "a major blow" to the Gambino family. He said that the indictment was particularly significant because it not only charged "the most powerful figures in the family ... but some of those whose criminal activities have been most difficult to detect and prove."

He cited as examples Failla, who except for serving 30 days for contempt was never jailed, and Gallo, who also had never been indicted.

Although reputed Gambino boss John Gotti, 47, of Howard Beach,

Queens, was not named in the indictment, a "John Doe" defendant named with reputed capo Angelo Ruggiero in the murder of James McBratney, of Port Richmond, is in actuality Gotti, according to law enforcement authorities.

Gotti and Ruggiero pleaded guilty in 1973 in Staten Island state Supreme Court to manslaughter for the McBratney killing and served two years in prison.

When the Gallo indictment was announced, Gotti was on trial in

another case in Brooklyn Federal Court on murder and racketeering charges that included the same McBratney killing. He was found innocent of all charges on March 13 and is not expected to be part of any of the Gallo indictment trials.

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On May 26, 1987, [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that there have been no new members made recently in the GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family. JOHN GOTTI is waiting for the results of the several trials now in progress regarding the GAMBINO Family. Source advised that JOSEPH N. GALLO, consigliere of the GAMBINO LCN Family, is planning to retire soon, and is going to do everything possible to avoid going to trial. GALLO is planning to stage an extensive "sick routine" as a start, and if this does not work, he will use other delay tactics to get the trial "dragged out". GALLO is keeping away from associates of the GAMBINO Family and in fact is considered to be semi-retired already.

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Source advised that [redacted] of JOSEPH N. GALLO, was recently married at a ceremony which was by "invitation only". Those invited to attend included JOHN GOTTI, the boss of the GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family. The location, time and other details regarding the wedding were kept at an absolute secret from most organized crime members, and it is source's understanding that the wedding was attended by only bosses and capos of LCN Families.

Source advised that the wedding invitations were sealed and hand delivered to the individuals who were requested to attend. Source advised that one individual who attended was [redacted] and the reason that he was invited was because he allegedly had some contacts with the New York State Parole Commission, which enabled [redacted] receive a parole from prison. Source is of the firm opinion that ANIELLO DELLACROCE, prior to his death, gave money to [redacted] so that this "favor" could be done for [redacted]

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Source advised that JOHN GOTTI has a new guy coming around at the club on 101st Avenue by the name of [redacted]. Source has not seen [redacted] around before, and does not know [redacted] background. Source advised GOTTI continues to be a "hands on boss" of the GAMBINO Family, being very active on a daily basis in family business. Source advised that [redacted] the new consigliere of the GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family, is gaining strength everyday with GOTTI's help and it appears that JOSEPH N. GALLO has for all practical purposes retired from active involvement in the GAMBINO LCN Family. Source firmly believes that GALLO's retirement and [redacted] ascension to the consigliere post was worked out as a compromise deal, which will in all probability include the making of [redacted] in the GAMBINO LCN Family in the very near future.

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DAILY NEWS

# A Gallo in the drink

## He goes on trial in B'klyn

By DANIEL RAYE  
and DON GENTILE

Daily News Staff Writers

Joseph N. Gallo, the reputed Gambino family consigliere who was proud he was never indicted, goes on trial in Brooklyn Federal Court today after a failed effort to have his racketeering case severed from that of three co-defendants.

Arguing that a heart condition would endanger the 78-year-old Gallo's ability to endure a long trial, attorney Dominic Amorosa had asked Chief Judge Jack Weinstein to try the defendant alone.

Weinstein turned down the request, however, basing his refusal on a government doc-

tor's report that Gallo had watched January's Super Bowl game between the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos on television.

Weinstein agreed with Dr. Francis Weld's contention that if Gallo could withstand the excitement of watching the Super Bowl, he could handle the stress of a court contest.

Gallo, of Crescent St., Queens, is a reputed elder statesman of organized crime known for evading law-enforcement scrutiny. Amorosa notes that his client has nev-

er been indicted for a crime and "denies all the charges against him."

But Brooklyn Organized Crime Strike Force prosecutors are set to submit as evidence a series of tape recordings—some dating to 1976—which they contend demonstrate Gallo's once-powerful and longstanding role as a Gambino family consigliere, a crime counseling role he retired from because of age.

In a multiple-count racketeering indictment, Gallo is charged with robbery, loan-sharking, bribery and con-

spiracy to murder.

His co-defendants are reputed capo Joseph Armone, 70, of 92d St., Brooklyn; accused mob soldier Anthony Vitta, 49, of Grant Ave., East Rockaway, L.I., and alleged mob associate Salvatore Migliorisi, 49, of Riedel Ave., Staten Island.

Gallo and Armone were allegedly involved in an unsuccessful plot in 1981 and 1982 to pay a \$20,000 bribe so that Gallo's son would be transferred from a New York State prison to the plusher confines of a federal penitentiary.

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# Silence could sink Gallo case

By DANIEL HAYS  
and FRANCIS McMORRIS

Daily News Staff Writers

Federal prosecutors yesterday told a Brooklyn judge they may have to drop robbery charges against long-time Gambino crime family consigliere Joseph Gallo because a key Mafia turncoat has decided not to testify.

Organized Crime Strike Force prosecutor Douglas Grover said a decision would be announced before he delivers the government's opening statement today in the racketeering trial of Gallo and three others.

Luigi Ronsisvalle, the 46-year-old Sicilian-born killer who now says he lied at the "Pizza Connection" trial when he linked Bonanno capo Salvatore Catalano to heroin trafficking, was scheduled to testify against Gallo.

## Adjournment denied

Chief Judge Jack Weinstein refused to give Grover a one-day adjournment in the year-old case.

Ronsisvalle was supposed to have testified that Gallo took part in a mob meeting involving a 1977 \$1 million jewel heist in Manhattan's Diamond District. Gallo, 75, has been hit with racketeering charges that included robbery, loansharking, brib-

ery and murder conspiracy.

His co-defendants are reputed capo Joseph (Joe Pinney) Armone, 70; reputed mobster Anthony Vitta, 49, and mob associate Salvatore Migliorisi, 49.

Catalano's lawyer, Ivan Fisher, asked Federal Judge Pierre Leval to order a new trial because Ronsisvalle's recantation was "newly discovered evidence."

U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani, whose office prosecuted the Pizza case, said the recanting would have no effect on the verdict because "Catalano's conviction was largely for acts that had nothing to do with Ronsisvalle."

Fisher said Giuliani's remarks were "absurd" because Ronsisvalle "was the mantelpiece" of the government's case.

Giuliani, who noted that Fisher paid Ronsisvalle for his statement, called it "about as questionable a recantation as I've ever seen," adding that such actions by informers "are not unusual in a mob case."

Giuliani also said Charles Kelly, a private detective who accompanied Fisher to a secret meeting with Ronsisvalle, was a former cop who was convicted of selling cocaine while on the job.

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# New Mafia Trial Asked, Based on Recantation

By RALPH BLUMENTHAL

The lawyer representing a Mafia boss convicted in the "pizza connection" drug case formally applied yesterday for a new trial, based on the recantation of a former mob hit man who now says he lied in previous testimony.

There was no immediate legal response from the court or Government prosecutors. But Rudolph W. Giuliani, the United States Attorney in Manhattan, yesterday called the case "one of the most questionable recantations I ever heard about."

In the presence of a reporter for The New York Times last week, the lawyer, Ivan S.

Fisher, gave the witness, Luigi Ronsisvalle, \$2,000 that Mr. Ronsisvalle said he needed to visit his daughters. Mr. Ronsisvalle then signed an affidavit swearing that he had testified falsely last year when he placed the Mafia boss, Salvatore Catalano, at a heroin delivery on the street and at a meeting where heroin trafficking was discussed.

Mr. Catalano, a leader of a Sicilian faction of the Bonanno crime family, was convicted and sentenced to 45 years in prison. Penalties of \$2.18 million were also assessed against him.

In a telephone interview yesterday from a motel in the Midwest, Mr. Ronsisvalle said he had spent the \$2,000 and \$620 more given

to him earlier by Mr. Fisher — all but 87 cents — by entertaining friends in the motel bar and restaurant. He said he had run up a \$1,400 debt besides.

"I'm on the bottom anyway," Mr. Ronsisvalle said. But he insisted he had no regrets about the recantation, which appears to subject him to penalties for perjury.

Mr. Fisher said he hoped to arrange for Mr. Ronsisvalle to come to New York this week to be examined by prosecutors of the United States Attorney's office on his new testimony.

Mr. Giuliani declined to say whether there

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## New Trial Asked in Mafia Case, Based on Witness's Recantation

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were any plans to arrest Mr. Ronsisvalle for perjury. He also said that after reading the recantation statement and other papers filed by Mr. Fisher, "my initial reaction was reinforced — there was a mountain of evidence against Catalano independent of Ronsisvalle."

He said the Government would file legal responses to the papers in several days. There was no announcement of a hearing date by the office of Judge Pierre N. Laval in Federal District Court, who presided over the 17-month pizza-connection trial.

### Investigator's Record Disclosed

In a separate development, Mr. Giuliani took note of a private investigator whom Mr. Fisher employed who accompanied the lawyer and a Times reporter to a meeting with Mr. Ronsisvalle outside Cincinnati on Sept. 10. Court records show that the investigator, Charles W. Kelly, was convicted in 1971 of cocaine possession, Mr. Giuliani said.

Mr. Kelly, was a member of the New York Police Special Investigations Unit at the time and subsequently was sentenced to eight years in prison, the United States Attorney said. There was also testimony, he said, that Mr. Kelly had threatened a witness in the case.

Reached later, Mr. Kelly denied that he had threatened a witness and said he had nothing further to say about the case, which, he said, happened 20 years ago.

In Federal District Court in Brooklyn, meanwhile, where Mr. Ronsisvalle had been scheduled to testify as a prosecution witness in a Mafia trial that opened yesterday, Chief Judge Jack B. Weinstein suggested that

prosecution and defense lawyers leave out any mention of Mr. Ronsisvalle's possible role in the case until his position was clarified.

Mr. Ronsisvalle told The Times he would refuse to testify against the defendant, Joseph N. Gallo, a reputed counselor of the Gambino crime family.

Edward A. McDonald, head of the Eastern District Organized Crime Strike Force, said Mr. Ronsisvalle was "not indispensable or critical" to the prosecution's case, although he characterized his role as "not insignificant."

Mr. Ronsisvalle was to testify about a Mafia meeting, reportedly attended by Mr. Gallo, at which the proceeds from a major jewel robbery were distributed.

### Further Testimony Burred

Mr. Ronsisvalle told The Times he was also refusing to testify, as scheduled, at the coming trial on heroin trafficking charges of Anthony Aiello, a Queens cafe owner and pizzeria operator. But a Manhattan prosecutor said Mr. Ronsisvalle would have been no more than a possible Government rebuttal witness, at most. That trial is scheduled to begin next week.

In discussions with Mr. Fisher and The Times, Mr. Ronsisvalle had also voiced complaints about his treatment under the Federal Witness Protection Program, which he said he had recently quit.

Howard Saffir, deputy director of the United States Marshal's Service in Washington, which administers the program, said it was the Government's policy not to say whether any individual was or was not in the witness program. But he said each protected witness was treated according to individual financial and social needs, and he



The New York Times/Ralph Blumenthal  
Luigi Ronsisvalle

said the program had specialists to resolve participants' complaints.

"This is a difficult program, and our clients are difficult people," he said. "Ninety-seven percent of them have serious felony histories. They are not used to normal, stable, productive lives."

But he said that the program was completely voluntary and that anyone who wanted to quit, could. No one who abides by the program's rules has been harmed in the program's 17 years, he said.

Mr. Ronsisvalle, talking yesterday from his motel room, said a Federal marshal had visited him yesterday. "I told him, 'It's none of your business,'" Mr. Ronsisvalle said. The man then left, he said.

"I'm going crazy last couple of days," Mr. Ronsisvalle said. Asked why, he said, "Because I got to go in prison now." But he insisted, "I'm very happy what I did."

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**NO MENTION OF MILLION-DOLLAR GEM JOB****Lift heist from Gallo trial**

By DANIEL HAYS

Daily News Staff Writer

The racketeering trial of reputed Gambino crime family consigliere Joseph N. Gallo began in Brooklyn yesterday despite a still unresolved problem with a mob witness who has reportedly backed away from testifying.

Organized Crime Strike Force prosecutor Douglas Grover left the issue of Luigi Ronsisvalle's testimony vague when he told Chief Federal Judge Jack Weinstein that the witness' part in

the case would not change "at this time."

In opening remarks to the jury, however, Grover made no mention of a 1977 \$1 million Manhattan jewel heist that Gallo is accused of plotting with then-Gambino boss Paul Castellano. Ronsisvalle, an alleged participant in the

heist, was supposedly going to link Gallo to the crime.

**Luigi says he lied**

Ronsisvalle, in an affidavit, claims he lied in his testimony at a previous trial of "Pizza Connection" mobster Salvatore Catalano, who was convicted. Grover is trying to determine whether Ronsisvalle will still testify against Gallo.

On Monday, Grover said he was going to contact the witness but would not comment yesterday on Ronsisvalle's status.

Gallo, 76, is on trial with reputed mobsters Joseph (Joe Piney) Armone, 70; Anthony Vitta, 49, and Salvatore Migliorisi, 49.

Until now, Gallo has avoided indictment despite 20 years of government surveillance. According to Grover, Gallo was part of the Gambino family hierarchy who avoided direct involvement in daily criminal activities.

"They don't have a hand in the day-to-day activities just like Lee Iacocca isn't on the production line at Chrysler," Grover told the jury.

Grover said government tapes would reveal Gambino family secrets "like an X-ray" and noted that Joseph Iannuzzi, another mob stoolie, would link Gallo in a failed bribe plot to secure a prison transfer for his son, Joseph C. Gallo.

In his opening statement, Gallo's attorney, Dominick Amorosa, called Iannuzzi "a dope dealer... a terrible extortionist" and "a liar."

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## Trial of Gambino Figures Starts With Depictions of Leaders

By LEONARD BUDER

A Federal prosecutor described Joseph N. Gallo, the 76-year-old reputed consigliere of the Gambino crime family, yesterday as a high-echelon mobster who was the "adviser to the boss and underboss" and received a share of the illicit earnings of the family capos.

The prosecutor, Douglas E. Grover, said Mr. Gallo and another defendant, Joseph Armone, played important supervisory roles in the crime group, even though "they don't have a hand in day-to-day activities, just like Lee Iacocca is not on the production line at Chrysler." Law-enforcement authorities have described the group as the largest and most powerful Mafia family in the country.

Mr. Gallo; Mr. Armone, who was de-

scribed as a capo, or captain, and Anthony Vitta, who is said to be a soldier, or member of the group, are on trial in Federal District Court in Brooklyn on racketeering, extortion and other charges. Another defendant, Salvatore Migliorisi, whom the indictment identified as a Gambino associate, has been charged with extortion.

Mr. Grover, a special attorney with the Department of Justice Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn, told the jury in his opening statement that much of the Government evidence would consist of recordings made from wiretaps and surveillance devices, including bugs in the home of Paul Castellano and Aniello Dellacroce.

Mr. Castellano was the family boss when he was shot to death Dec. 16, 1985, outside a Manhattan restaurant. John

Gotti, according to the authorities, now holds the post. Mr. Dellacroce, who was the underboss, died Dec. 2, 1985, of natural causes.

In his statement to the jury, Mr. Gallo's lawyer, Dominic F. Amorosa, said, "Mr. Gallo denies these charges in their entirety, across the board."

He described his client as an elderly man who "60 years ago did not have the opportunity to go to Harvard," but "stayed here and met people," including some who had got into trouble. Until the Federal indictment, he said, Mr. Gallo had never been indicted.

The other defense lawyers — Mark Krasnow, for Mr. Armone; Richard A. Rehbock, for Mr. Vitta, and Stanley M. Meyer, for Mr. Migliorisi — also said the Government's case was without substance.

At the start of the session, Mr. Grover told Judge Jack B. Weinstein that a witness's refusal to testify would not force the Government to drop any charges. The witness was Luigi Ronsisvalle, a former mob hit man who now says he lied when he testified in the "pizza connection" drug case early this year in Manhattan.

Mr. Ronsisvalle was supposed to tell at the Brooklyn trial about a diamond district robbery in 1977 that he and another person carried out. According to the charges, Mr. Gallo, as a mob leader, was involved in the robbery and shared in its proceeds. In his opening statement, Mr. Grover did not specifically mention the crime.

On the prosecution team with Mr. Grover are Laura A. Ward and Christopher Ulrich.

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Source advised that [redacted] is now [redacted] for JOHN GOTTI for three days a week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. GOTTI requested [redacted] to [redacted] however, [redacted] could not do so at the present time due to other commitments. Source advised that GOTTI is still very concerned regarding the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION's (FBI) informing him of a threat against his life.

Source advised that on the evening of October 6, 1987, there was a big meeting at the RAVENITE SOCIAL CLUB and in attendance were GOTTI, [redacted] JOE BUTCH (CORRAO), JOE PINEY, [redacted] JOE N. GALLO, [redacted] an individual known to source only as [redacted] and FRANKIE MARTIN. Source advised that FRANKIE MARTIN is an old-timer who was with NEIL for years.

Source advised that the main topic of this particular meeting was JOE ARMONE's and JOE N. GALLO's concern about the ANGELO RUGGIERO tapes, which they are now hearing for the first time at their trial. Both GALLO and PINEY are very upset about these tapes and are asking GOTTI for an explanation regarding their contents.

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Source advised that another topic of contention, although not known to everybody, is a long standing dispute between [redacted] and [redacted]. This dispute stems from [redacted] owing [redacted] a substantial amount of money and to this date, apparently unable or unwilling to repay it. Source advised that [redacted] has been up to the courtroom where [redacted] is currently on trial in an attempt to set up a meeting between himself and [redacted] regarding this owed money. Source advised that a conversation was overheard between [redacted] and [redacted] JOHN GOTTI [redacted] that [redacted] will "split his head open" in reference to [redacted] and this particular dispute about the money owed to [redacted].

Source advised that GOTTI is still very concerned that someone may place a bomb in one of the vehicles in which he is driving and for that reason, he is now continuously changing cars and will have different drivers at random. Source advised that GOTTI trusts [redacted] very much and in fact is attempting to "bend the rules regarding GAMBINO Family membership and allow [redacted] to become a made member.

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GOTTI is currently facing some stiff opposition from the other LCN families in New York (NY) in this attempt. However, source feels confident that if GOTTI gains more strength, he will be able to override the other objections and have his way by making [redacted] into the GAMBINO Family.

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Source advised that during the week of September 14th the mother of [redacted] died and a wake was held. In attendance at the wake was every GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) member in the New York City area, excluding JOSEPH N. GALLO. GALLO was represented by [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted] is extremely anxious to be made in the GAMBINO LCN Family, however, source does not foresee this happening in the near future.

Source advised that JOHN GOTTI arrived at the wake in the company of [REDACTED]

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Source advised that JOSEPH ARMONE, also known as (aka) Piney, is the current underboss of the GAMBINO LCN Family. Source advised that Piney is well liked because he lets people earn and for that reason, also well respected. Source advised that Piney is very worried about his current case in the EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (EDNY) and believes that he was put into the case by both THOMAS AGRO and [redacted]

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Source advised that JOE N. GALLO is also very worried about this case and both he and Piney believe that they have a good chance of going to jail as a result of it.

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On August 27, 1987, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] as follows:

JOHN GOTTI was up in the Arthur Avenue area last Tuesday (August 25, 1987) for a big meeting.

Source has also heard that JOE N. GALLO has recently become very inactive. At the present time he is refusing to see people.

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# Man shot dead in Brooklyn linked to Gotti's counselor

By PHILIP RUSSO  
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

A Brooklyn restaurant owner found shot to death yesterday was an "associate" of a Bulls Head man who is the powerful top adviser to Mafia chieftain John Gotti, authorities said.

The victim, Michael De Batt, 37, of Brooklyn, worked for Salvatore "Sammy" Gravano, the reputed consigliere, or counselor, of the Gambino crime family headed by Gotti, according to highly placed law enforcement sources who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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Gravano, 41, of Leggett Place, was identified by federal prosecutors as a "soldier" in the Gambino crime family in a 1985 Advance story. Unnamed law enforcement sources in published reports last year labeled him an "up-and-comer" in the Gambino family.

"He is the consigliere," one source said of Gravano yesterday, adding that he was officially elevated to the post by Gotti after former reputed consigliere Joseph N. Gallo, 72, voluntarily "retired" in September when he went on trial in Brooklyn on federal racketeering charges.

Gravano is into "everything," according to one source asked to characterize his alleged criminal activity.

Another highly placed law enforcement source said Gravano owns "a contracting company on Stillwell Avenue" in Brooklyn.

De Batt, who lived with his mother and had no criminal record, was the licensed owner of Tali's Restaurant and Lounge on 18th Avenue in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, police said.

"It's (the restaurant) Sal's headquarters," the source said. "Mike owned it, but Sal used to hold court there."

De Batt was not a "made," or officially inducted, member of the Mafia, the source said. He declined to say what other duties De Batt might have had under Gravano, except that "he (De Batt) was 6-foot and 300 pounds."

De Batt's body was found in the restaurant shortly after 8 a.m. by a bartender, police said. De Batt was last seen alive at 3 a.m. by another bartender, authorities said.

The victim was shot "more than once in the head with a handgun," according to Capt. John Ricci, of the 62nd Precinct homicide squad in Brooklyn. Detectives found several spent shell casings at the scene, but Ricci declined to make public the caliber of the handgun.

Police do not have a motive for the murder, Ricci said. "We can't tell if it's an organized crime hit. It could be a robbery," he said.

Despite rampant speculation, authorities agreed that as of late yesterday, there was no evidence linking De Batt's murder to 10 other apparently mob-related murders this year in Brooklyn and Queens.

"It's the first time in a long time I can recall a Gambino family associate being taken out," a senior law enforcement official told the Associated Press yesterday. He cautioned that this would not necessarily mean a widening of the apparent mob war.

"I don't know whether there's any connection to this stuff," he said. "People are trying to categorize these things, make them part of some sort of grand scheme."



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## Gallo Jury Deliberates In Racketeering Trial

A federal jury in Brooklyn began deliberations yesterday afternoon in the racketeering trial of Joseph Gallo, 76, the reputed counselor of the Gambino organized crime family.

Gallo and three other alleged mob figures have been on trial since Sept. 28 on charges of participating in a longtime criminal enterprise that maintained control over major labor unions and the operations of the Port Mobil Deep Water Facility on Staten Island.

The jury retired for the night at 9:45 and is to resume deliberations this morning.

"He's an old fellow," said Gallo's attorney, Dominic Amerosa. "He knows a lot of people. Association with anyone is not criminal in this country and never will be."

Gallo faces up to 47 years' imprisonment if convicted. He and two codefendants, Joseph Armone, 70, a reputed Gambino captain, and Anthony Vitta, 49, an alleged soldier, are charged with a racketeering conspiracy that included murders, extortion, robbery, loansharking, bribery, illegal labor payoffs and obstruction of justice. A fourth defendant, Salvatore Migliorisi, 49, an alleged mob associate, is charged with conspiracy and extortion but not racketeering.

—Pete Bowles

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A voucher is required for each month this advance is outstanding, even if no expenditures are made. The first voucher for captioned matter is due at FBIHQ, Voucher and Payroll Section, Room 1388, by the 10th day of January. Each voucher must include a Voucher Reconciliation and Itemization of Expenditures with receipts and/or certifications attached directly behind the FD-37 for all expenses for the period covered in voucher.

Any unexpended funds should be promptly returned by Cashier's check made payable to the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Attention: Voucher and Payroll Section, Room 1388. This check should be attached to the final voucher listing expenditures for the month in which funds are being returned. The returned funds should be described on Lines 12-15 and Line 27 of the Voucher Reconciliation form.

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In spite of rumors to the contrary, JOE N. GALLO is still the consigliere of the family. Although he is often at odds with members of the GOTTI crew, he retains his position because of his many many years of service to the family. [redacted] is still designated as [redacted] of the family. Source described [redacted] as being extremely loyal, very personable, but not the most competent individual in the world.

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## Mob Defendant Changes Mind On Release Deal

### Armone, Citing 'Honor,' Stays in a Federal Jail

By LEONARD BUDER

Saying he is a man of "pride and honor" and would not humiliate himself, the reputed underboss of the Gambino crime family changed his mind yesterday and refused to renounce any organized-crime ties as a condition for his release from detention.

The renunciation had been an important element of an unusual arrangement that would have enabled the defendant, Joseph Armone, 70 years old, to be released on \$1 million bail and kept under house arrest until his sentencing Feb. 3 for a Federal racketeering conviction.

At a short hearing, one of Mr. Armone's lawyers told Judge Jack B. Weinstein of Federal District Court in Brooklyn that his client would agree to some of the proposed conditions, such as avoiding any contact with John Gotti and 79 other reputed mob figures listed by name in a proposed court order. But the lawyer, Mark Krasnow, said Mr. Armone would not accept the renunciation because he felt it would force him to "humiliate himself publicly."

#### Family in Court

Law-enforcement officials say Mr. Gotti is the boss of the Gambino crime family, supposedly the nation's largest and most powerful organized-crime group.

Judge Weinstein ordered Mr. Armone to be held without bond after learning of the defendant's decision.

As Mr. Armone's wife, Josephine, and other members of his family watched, the gray-haired, slightly built defendant was led out of the courtroom for the ride back to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Lower Manhattan.

Mr. Armone faces a possible 20-year prison term on the racketeering conspiracy conviction.

On Wednesday — the day after his conviction with Joseph N. Gallo, the reputed longtime consigliere or counselor to the Gambino group and two other defendants — Mr. Armone's lawyers had said he would accept the judge's proposal, provided it would not constitute an admission of guilt or jeopardize his right of appeal.

#### 'Public Humiliation'

Judge Weinstein, in what was regarded as an unusual move, had proposed that, as a condition of his temporary release, Mr. Armone publicly renounce and sever any criminal connections he might have. The judge said such a renunciation would represent "a public humiliation of a leader of a crime family."

He left it up to the defense lawyers, Mr. Krasnow and Alfred M. Christiansen, and the Federal prosecutors, Douglas E. Grover, Laura A. Ward and Christopher Ulrich of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn, to work out the wording of the proposed court order.

The first three paragraphs of the proposed order went as follows:

"(1) I Joseph Armone hereby renounce and abjure any connection I may have had with any criminal organization.

"(2) I resign any office I may have held in any criminal organization.

"(3) I will not associate with, directly or indirectly, any member of any criminal organization or crime family or any person convicted of or charged with a crime."

#### 'Pride and Honor'

The remaining paragraphs listed the names of people who were on the prohibited list and other conditions. The statement ended with a paragraph asserting that Mr. Armone's statement did not constitute a waiver of his rights of appeal or an admission of the existence of "the enterprise" or his membership in it. "Enterprise," as used here, generally refers to a criminal organization.

But when yesterday's court session began, Mr. Krasnow said Mr. Armone had changed his mind and would now agree to everything but the first three paragraphs.

"Mr. Armone feels he is entitled to posting of the appellate bond without being forced to humiliate himself publicly," the lawyer said. "He feels it is inconsistent with his pride and honor."

Judge Weinstein also ordered a co-defendant of Mr. Armone, Anthony Vitta, 49, held in detention pending sentencing. The judge has released the two other convicted defendants on bond, although Mr. Gallo, 76, is under house arrest.

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# Mob Figure Is Offered A Deal for His Release

By LEONARD BUDER

In a highly unusual move, a Federal judge yesterday offered to release Joseph Armone, the reputed underboss of the Gambino crime family, on \$1 million bond pending his sentencing if he publicly renounced any connection he might have had with the organization and resigned any position he might hold.

And Mr. Armone, in what is also regarded as an unusual move, indicated he would agree to the proposition.

The judge, Jack B. Weinstein, said he wanted Mr. Armone to say something to the effect that "I hereby renounce and abjure any connection I may have had with the Gambino crime family and resign any office I may have held in this or any other crime organization."

Such a statement, Judge Weinstein said at a bail hearing for Mr. Armone, "represents a public humiliation of a leader of a crime family of the most onerous kind." The judge added, "He's out, through — forever."

## A 2d Night in Jail

He left the actual wording of the statement to the defense lawyers and the Federal prosecutors, who will report back to him today, insuring that Mr. Armone would, at the least, spend a second successive night in jail.

The hearing was held in Federal District Court in Brooklyn, where, the night before, the 70-year-old Mr. Armone had been convicted of Federal racketeering charges. After the conviction, Judge Weinstein ordered that Mr. Armone, who had been free on \$500,000 bond during the trial, be taken to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan.

Also on Tuesday, Judge Weinstein allowed another convicted defendant, Joseph N. Gallo, to remain out of detention but under house arrest because, he noted, Mr. Gallo was no longer active in the Gambino crime family. Mr. Gallo, who is 76, is said to be the former consigliere, or counselor, of the family.

As part of Judge Weinstein's proposal, Mr. Armone would be kept under virtual house arrest until his scheduled sentencing on Feb. 3 and would be forbidden to have any dealings or contacts with John Gotti, who the authorities say heads the Gambino family, and others in the crime family.

## Prosecutors Protest Plan

Mr. Armone's lawyers, in disclosing that their client would make a statement as proposed by the judge, emphasized that it would not be an admission of guilt or a waiver of Mr. Armone's planned appeal of his conviction.

The lawyers — Mark Krasnow and Alfred M. Christiansen — also told reporters later that whatever Mr. Armone said would not be an admission

that there was, in fact, a Gambino crime family or that he held any position in it.

Government prosecutors vigorously objected to Judge Weinstein's proposals for Mr. Armone, but to no apparent avail.

"He's a convicted drug dealer. He's been convicted of racketeering. He can't be trusted," said Douglas E. Grover, a Federal prosecutor with the Brooklyn-based Organized Crime Strike Force. He said that Mr. Armone, even during his trial, had met frequently with Mr. Gotti and other mob figures.

But Judge Weinstein noted that Andres Kurins, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, had testified at the hearing that, in his dealing with Mr. Armone, he had found that Mr. Armone's word could be trusted.

## Restaurant to Remain Under U.S. Supervision

A former Federal prosecutor will continue to supervise the operation of Umberto's Clam House under a court order issued yesterday in Manhattan.

The former prosecutor, John Sabetta, has been temporarily in charge of the restaurant, at 129 Mulberry Street, since last year. He was appointed at the Government's request on the basis of evidence in a racketeering trial about skimming money from Umberto's.

Mr. Sabetta's appointment as permanent receiver to oversee the restaurant was made by Judge Charles S. Haight Jr. of Federal District Court. The receiver is supposed to maintain the accounts and assure that Umberto's operates legally.

The restaurant's owner, Robert Ianniello, consented to the permanent appointment to resolve the Government's civil racketeering suit against him, according to Mark F. Pomerantz, the lawyer for Umberto's. He said Mr. Ianniello would continue to run the restaurant, with the required supervision.

A Federal prosecutor, Randy M. Mastro, said the civil suit was filed in February 1986 after Mr. Ianniello's brother, Matthew (Matty the Horse) Ianniello, and others were convicted of charges involving Umberto's and other restaurants.

The United States Attorney in Manhattan, Rudolph W. Giuliani, said the case represented the first time that the Government had used the Federal racketeering law to put an ongoing business into receivership.

Uproar over asylum for diplomat's brutalized son

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# AN OFFER HE CAN'T REFUSE?

*Mobster may renounce Gotti to get out on bail P. 10*



## MANHUNT FOR SQUEAKY FROMME

Police launched a manhunt today for the would-be assassin of President Ford (above). Fromme, 39, escaped last night from the West Virginia prison where she is serving a life sentence. The Fromme — seen at left as member Lynette (Squeaky) — poison for her escape was a mystery, since she has been eligible for parole since September of 1965. Other agents moved to protect Ford

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# MOBSTER MAY RENOUNC GOTTI TO GET OUT ON BA

A mobster may hold the key to his own release on bail — if he publicly renounces his standing in the country's most powerful organized crime family.

Joseph Armone, 30, reputed underboss of the Gambino crime family, was convicted Tuesday on federal racketeering charges. Yesterday, at a bail hearing, Federal Judge Jack Weinstein said he would consider releasing Armone on \$1 million bond until his Feb. 3 sentencing.

The catch was that Armone would have to agree to sever any ties to the Gambino mob, where he is reputedly

second in command to John Gotti.

Such a declaration, Weinstein said, "represents a public humiliation of a leader of a crime family of the most onerous kind."

"He's out, through — forever."

Armone's lawyers indicated he would take advantage of the offer and pointed out that it would not signify an admission of guilt, nor an acknowledgment that he had ties to it.

A bail deal would have no effect on sentencing, but it would allow Armone to spend Christmas at home and give him

time to settle his affairs before serving up to 20 years on the racketeering charge.

Weinstein said his proposal was conditional, dependent on the proper language being worked out between Armone's lawyers and prosecutors.

The judge suggested that Armone should say something like: "I hereby renounce and abjure any connection I may have had with the Gambino crime family and resign any office I may have held in this or any other crime organization."

The hearing took on a bizarre twist when an FBI agent came to bat for Armone.

Prosecutors argued that Armone could not be trusted, but FBI Agent Andrew Kucins said he had known Armone kept his word, such as surrendering on promised dates. W. J. M. J.

Kucins' testimony disputed between him and prosecutors, who were upset over the FBI man's unlikely role as a character witness.



• Fired employee Keith Oliver glares during court hearing in Freehold, N.J., yesterday after booking in boss' mob-style murder.

## Ex-staffer charged in exec's murder

A FIRED employee was charged yesterday in last week's mob-style slaying of his boss in a wealthy Jersey Shore town. Keith Oliver, 31, of Cranford, N.J., allegedly drove the getaway car — a silver Mercedes — used in Earl Shoemaker's murder. Detectives are still hunting for the trigger man. Oliver was fired two weeks ago after he allegedly drew an extra salary by using an alias. Yesterday Oliver was arrested and charged with complicity to murder Shoemaker, the 50-year-old president of Encapco Asbestos Abatement Co. in Shrewsbury, N.J. Oliver was held on \$1 million bond.



## Docs find blindness link

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors have found the AIDS virus in the retinas of people with the disease and say it may contribute to blindness in victims.

Doctors from Massachusetts General Hospital found the virus in the retinas of two people, says a report in *Science* magazine. Doctors estimate that 10 percent to 15 percent of AIDS patients may have trouble seeing in at least one eye due to retinitis, an inflammation of the retina.

The authors said their study provides no new information about how AIDS is transmitted.

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(Attn: Voucher and Payroll Section, Room 1388)

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO  
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(OO: NY/BQ)

Re Bureau airtel to New York, dated 12/16/87.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an SF-1012 Travel Voucher and supporting documentation for expenditures incurred in captioned investigation for the period of November 1, 1987 to April 1, 1988.

Period covered is five (5) months. Expenditure of funds is limited to salary for cooperating witness.

On 11/4/87, witness received  (receipt attached), which payment constitutes witness salary until conclusion of this matter.

*Voucher submission delayed as original  
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On December 30, 1987, [redacted] telephonically provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted]

Source advised that a bookmaking operation is being run from a club in Astoria Boulevard, Queens, New York. This club is [redacted] by [redacted] (PH) who used to hang around JOE N. GALLO at the OTB parlor every day. The club "lays off" to JOHN (LNU), an Irishman who operates the BURKE and BURKE BAR in Queens, and about whom source has previously reported. The club also operates a crap table "on demand". The table is small and portable, and is only set up when a high stakes game is scheduled.

[redacted] residence number is [redacted] and the number at the club is (718) 956-0386.

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2. Aircraft Assistance	9. Hypnosis Assistance	16. Polygraph Assistance	23. UCO Group I
3. Computer Assistance	10. Ident Div Assistance	17. Search Warr Executed	24. UCO Group II
4. Consensual Monitoring	11. Informant Information	18. Show Money Usage	25. UC Other
5. ELSUR - FISC	12. Lab Div Exams	19. Surveill. Sqd (SOG) Asst	26. NCAVC/VI-CAP
6. ELSUR - Title I	13. Lab Div Field Support	20. SWAT Team Action	27. Visual Invest Analysis (VIA)
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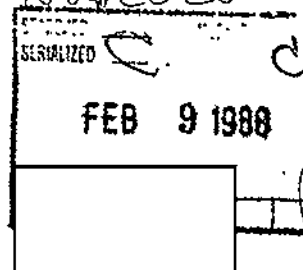
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# Property Type Codes\*

Code No	Description
1	Cash (U.S. and foreign currency)
2	Stock, Bonds or Negotiable Instruments (checks, travelers checks, money orders, certificates of deposit, etc)
3	General Retail Merchandise (clothing, food, liquor, cigarettes, TVs, etc)
4	Vehicles (autos, trucks, tractors, trailers, campers, motorcycles, etc)
5	Heavy Machinery & Equipment (heavy equipment, computers, etc)
6	Bulk Materials (grain, fuel, raw materials, metals, wire, etc)
7	Jewelry (including unset precious and semiprecious stones)
8	Precious Metals (gold, silver, silverware, platinum, etc)
9	Art, Antiques or Rare Collections
11	Weapons or Explosives
20	All Other Recoveries (not falling in any category above)

# Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) Type Codes\*

Code No	Description
22	Counterfeit Stocks, Bonds, Currency or Negotiable Instruments
23	Counterfeit or Pirated Sound Recordings or Motion Pictures
24	Bank Theft Scheme Aborted
25	Ransom, Extortion or Bribe Demand Aborted
26	Theft from, or Fraud Against, Government Scheme Aborted
27	Commercial or Industrial Theft Scheme Aborted
30	All Other Potential Economic Loss Prevented (not falling in any category above)

\*Except for cash, the Remarks section must contain an explanation of the computation of the recovery value or loss prevented. An explanation airtel must accompany this report if the recovery is \$1 million or more, or if the PELP is \$5 million or more.

## Subject Description Codes\*

- Enter Description Code Only When Reporting a Conviction -

### Organized Crime Subjects:

- 1A Boss, Underboss or Consigliere
- 1B Capodecina or Soldier
- 1C Possible LCN Member or Associate
- 1D OC Subject Other Than LCN

### Known Criminals (Other Than OC Members):

- 2A Top Ten or I.O. Fugitive
- 2B Top Thief
- 2C Top Con Man

### Foreign Nationals:

- 3A Legal Alien
- 3B Illegal Alien
- 3C Foreign Official Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3D U.N. Employee Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3E Foreign Students
- 3F All Others

### Terrorists:

- 4A Known Member of a Terrorist Organization
- 4B Possible Terrorist Member or Sympathizer

### Union Members:

- 5A International or National Officer
- 5B Local Officer
- 5C Union Employee

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6A Presidential Appointee	6J Governor	6R Mayor
6B U.S. Senator	6K Lt. Governor	
6C U.S. Representative	6L Legislator	6S Legislator
6D Judge	6M Judge	6T Judge
6E Prosecutor	6N Prosecutor	6U Prosecutor
6F Law Enforcement Officer	6P Law Enforcement Officer	6V Law Enforcement Officer
6G Fed Empl - GS 13 & above	6Q All Others - State	6W All Others - Local
6H Fed Empl - GS 12 & below		

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- 7A Bank Officer
- 7B Bank Employee

### All Others:

- 8A All Other Subjects (not fitting above categories)

\*If a subject can be classified in more than one of the categories, select the most appropriate in the circumstance.

## Instructions

### Subject Priorities for FBI Arrest or Locates:

- A - Subject wanted for crimes of violence (i.e. murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault) or convicted of such crimes in the past five years.
- B - Subjects wanted for crimes involving the loss or destruction of property valued in excess of \$25,000 or convicted of such crimes in the past five years.
- C - All others

### Claiming Non-Federal Arrests, Summonses, Recoveries or Convictions:

It is permissible to claim a local arrest, summons, recovery or conviction if the FBI significantly contributed to the accomplishment. A succinct narrative setting forth the basis for the claim must accompany this report. When claiming a local recovery, enter the word "LOCAL" to the right of the amount. Enter "LF" in the "In-Jail" block for all life sentences and "CP" for capital punishment sentences

### Reporting Convictions:

Convictions should not be reported until the sentence has been issued. There are two exceptions to this rule. The conviction information can be submitted by itself if:

- 1. The subject becomes a fugitive after conviction but prior to sentencing
- 2. The subject dies after conviction but prior to sentencing.

An explanation is required in the Remarks section for either of the above exceptions.

### Rule 20 Situations:

The field office that obtained the process (normally the office of origin) is the office that should claim the conviction, not the office where the subject enters the plea in cases involving Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedures.

### Investigative Assistance or Techniques (IA/Ts) Used:

- Since more than one IA/T could have contributed to the accomplishment, each IA/T used must be rated.
- The IA/T used must be rated each time an accomplishment is claimed. (For example - if informant information was the basis for a complaint, an arrest, a recovery and a conviction and if separate FD-515s are submitted for each of the aforementioned accomplishments, the "Informant Information" block must be rated on each FD-515 even if it was the same information that contributed to all the accomplishments.)

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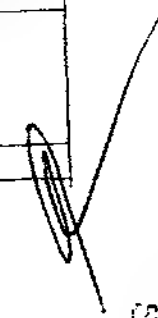



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WAGNER, DEETER [REDACTED] AND ASSOCIATE [REDACTED]  
WERE CONVICTED OF DECEMBER 22, 1967, AS PER REFERENCED RECEIPTS  
AFTER A THREE DAY COURT TRIAL.

GALLO WAS CONVICTED BY ONE COUNT OF RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY,  
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE (18 USC 1962) AND 12 COUNTS OF RACKETEERING,  
TITLE 18, USC 1962, AND INTERSTATE TRAVEL IN AID OF RACKETEERING,  
TITLE 18, USC 1962.

DEETER WAGNER MADE AN ARTICULATE PLEA BY SAID DEETER  
AT ORNEY [REDACTED] AS TO HIS ELDERLY CLIENT'S AGE (76) AND  
NOW RAPIDLY DEGRADATING PHYSICAL HEALTH (AGGRAVATED BY THE GUILTY  
VERDICT) AS WELL AS PLEAS OF FAMILY INVOLVEMENT AND NEW DISCOVERY OF  
VARIOUS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GALLO HOUSEHOLD. JUDGE WEINSTEIN WOULD  
NOT ACCEPT THE PROSECUTION'S SENIORING LETTER REGARDING GALLO.

PRIOR TO IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE, JUDGE WEINSTEIN VERY VIGOROUS  
OBJECTION BY ATTORNEY [REDACTED] STATED ON RECORD THAT GALLO, AS A  
MAJOR ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURE IN A POWERFUL CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE, WAS  
INDEED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED BY OTHERS IN THAT  
ORGANIZATION. JUDGE WEINSTEIN ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PROOF IN  
ESTABLISHING THE EXISTENCE OF THE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE (THE GAMBINI  
LUN FAMILY) AND PLACING GALLO AS A HIGH RANKING MEMBER OF THAT

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EXHIBITION, WAS BOTH OVERWHELMING AND DEBILITATING.

JUDGE WEINSTEIN STATED THAT HE COULD NOT ALLOW GALLO'S NEEDS TO REMAIN UNFULFILLED AND SPECIFICALLY WANTED TO DISCOURAGE GALLO BEING USED AS A ROLE MODEL BY YOUNGER MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED CRIME.

JUDGE WEINSTEIN SENTENCED GALLO AS FOLLOWS:

TEN (10) YEARS EACH ON THE RACKETEERING AND BRIBERY CHARGES;  
AND FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE INTERSTATE TRAVEL IN AID OF  
RACKETEERING CHARGE.

TIME TO RUN CONCURRENT.

IN ADDITION, GALLO WAS FINED \$200,000.00 ON COUNT ONE, THE  
RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY CHARGE UNDER PROVISIONS OF TITLE 18, USC  
862, AND THE MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 AND \$10,000.00 ON THE TWO (2)  
BRIBERY AND ITM CHARGE, FOR A TOTAL OF \$200,000.00.

GALLO WAS ALLOWED TO REMAIN OUT OF JAIL AS PER COURT PROVISIONS  
PENDING APPEAL.

GALLO'S CONVICTION AND SENTENCING IS A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF  
THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S (FBI'S) ORGANIZED CRIME  
INVESTIGATIVE AND PROSECUTIVE EFFORTS. BROOKLYN QUEENS  
CONGRATULATED AND THANKS BOTH FBIHQ AND MIAMI REGARDING THEIR  
SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT OF THE LAST EIGHT (8) YEARS. GALLO'S

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CONVICTION CAN BE CREDITED DIRECTLY TO PLANT'S DEVELOPMENT OF  
GOVERNMENT WITNES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TESTIMONY AT TRIAL  
THIS CASE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED REGARDING SENTENCING OF PRISONER.

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## A 10-Year Term Given by Judge To Crime Figure

By LEONARD BUDER

A 76-year-old former leader of the Gambino organized-crime family was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in Federal prison and ordered to pay fines totaling \$380,000.

"It is not easy to sentence an old man," Judge Jack B. Weinstein told the defendant, Joseph N. Gallo, in Federal District Court in Brooklyn. "But you have to be sentenced for the things you have done and so that you will not be used as a role model for others."

The judge said the prison term, under the circumstances, was "essentially a life sentence."

Mr. Gallo would technically be eligible for parole after serving a third of his sentence, but organized-crime figures are often required to serve at least two-thirds of their prison terms.

### Racketeering Charges

The white-haired, slightly built defendant, who had been consigliere, or counselor, of the crime group now reputedly headed by John Gotti, showed no emotion as he heard the sentence.

Mr. Gallo was convicted of racketeering charges on Dec. 22, the first time he had ever stood trial on criminal charges. He was found guilty of two bribery counts and illegal interstate travel to commit bribery but was acquitted of loan sharking. Although he was given the maximum fines, he could have received up to 20 years in prison.

Mr. Gallo's lawyer, Dominic F. Amorosa, urged Judge Weinstein to take into consideration his client's age and heart condition and the poor health of Mr. Gallo's wife. He also asked that "the crimes of others" not be held against Mr. Gallo.

The judge said Mr. Gallo, as a Gambino leader, was responsible for



Associated Press

Joseph N. Gallo

crimes committed by others in the organization. "Without leadership," he added, "there would be no organization." He allowed Mr. Gallo to remain free but under virtual house arrest, pending his appeal of his conviction.

One of the bribery charges of which Mr. Gallo was convicted accused him and a co-defendant, Joseph Armone, of plotting in 1981 and 1982 to give a \$20,000 bribe so that Mr. Gallo's son, Joseph-C. Gallo, would be transferred from a state prison, where he was then being held, to a Federal prison, where presumably he would receive better treatment. The senior Mr. Gallo is not related to Joseph (Crazy Joey) Gallo, who was slain in 1972 in a restaurant in the Little Italy section of Manhattan.

Mr. Armone, who is said to be the underboss of the Gambino family, is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 22.

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# Gambino Member Gets 10 Years

## 'Essentially a Life Sentence' for Gallo, 76

By Pete Bowles

Joseph N. Gallo, the longtime counselor of the Gambino organized crime family, was sentenced to 10 years in prison and a \$380,000 fine yesterday by a federal judge who said Gallo should be held accountable for the crimes committed by other members of the crime family.

"Anybody who joins a crime organization and becomes a leading figure in it has to be responsible for the crimes it commits," said U.S. District Court Judge Jack B. Weinstein in imposing sentence.

Weinstein, noting that Gallo is 76 years old and in poor health because of a heart condition, called the term of imprisonment "essentially a life sentence" but added that he felt it was warranted "so you won't be used as a role model for others."

Gallo, who served as the Gambino family's consigliere from 1967 until his

trial last fall, was convicted Dec. 22 of taking part in a racketeering conspiracy that included bribery, extortion, loan-sharking and obstruction of justice. Also found guilty in the plot was Joseph Armone, 70, who prosecutors said is the underboss of the Gambino family, which is allegedly headed by John Gotti.

Gallo's attorney, Dominic Amorosa, said one of the crimes that played a role in his client's conviction — Gallo's payment of a \$20,000 bribe in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a prison transfer for his son — was not motivated by greed but by love.

Referring to a government sentencing letter detailing Gallo's alleged role in the mob, Amorosa said: "Don't hold against Mr. Gallo the crimes of others. If you hold him responsible for all the crimes of others, he is in trouble."

"He is trouble," Weinstein said. "What is this, a Waldheim defense? That he was just standing by and didn't

know what was going on? If the mob was involved in these activities and he was a leading figure in the mob, he is responsible."

Amorosa suggested that Gallo be given probation because of his age and failing health resulting from heart disease. He noted that Gallo had never been convicted of a crime before, despite some 30 years of FBI surveillance.

Douglas Grover, a prosecutor for the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force office in Brooklyn, said a prison sentence would demonstrate to other criminals that "the system will catch up with them someday. The system does not forgive."

In his sentencing letter, Grover said that Gallo's involvement with the Gambino family began in the early 1960s and charged that he had been used as a contract killer because he had no arrest record. He said Gallo at one time was considered a candidate to replace the late Carlo Gambino as boss.



Joseph N. Gallo

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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On February 4, 1988 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that JOSEPH N. GALLO is a very wealthy man and is currently shifting all of his assets to be handled by [redacted] Source advised that GALLO is due to be sentenced very soon regarding his recent conviction in the EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (EDNY) and all indications are that GALLO will "play sick" regarding any sentence that may be imposed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: 3/2/88

TO : DIRECTOR FBI

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183A-2025) (C) (C-16)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
RICO (A)  
OO:NY(BQ)

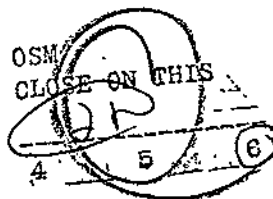
Re BQ teletype to Director, dated February 10, 1988.

As per referenced teletype, JOSEPH N. GALLO, longtime consigliere, of the GAMBINO LCN FAMILY, New York City, New York; found guilty after a lengthy RICO trial, has now been sentenced to serve ten (10) years in jail.

This culminates an eight (8) year FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) investigative effort directed against one (1) of the ruling hierarchy of the GAMBINO LCN FAMILY.

With great credit to the FBI's fight on organized crime, this case has now been brought to a logical and successful conclusion.

FBIHQ is placing this case in a closed status.



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# Memorandum



To : ADIC (66-9019)

From : DADIC JAMES C. ESPOSITO

Subject : FINANCIAL AUDIT OF BUREAU ADVANCES

Date 3/25/88

On 3/24/88, the NYO Internal Audit Staff completed an audit as of 2/29/88, of the FBIHQ advance(s) pertaining to the investigation entitled "JOSEPH N. GALLO" 183A-2025. This audit was conducted in accordance with guidelines furnished by the Audit Unit (AU) of the Inspection Division, FBIHQ, and included completion of the audit program for quarterly audit and a cash count.

The auditors also tested for compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and FBI regulations and examined vouchers for accuracy and timely submission.

Supervisor N/A will advise DADIC by \_\_\_\_\_, via memorandum, that the following instructions/recommendations have been noted and handled:

*No RECOMMENDATIONS*

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183A-2025 "AUDIT PERIOD: 12/1/87-4/29/88

CENTRALIZED CONTROL SYSTEM/ADVANCES  
(Non-Group I Advances, etc.)

FIELD OFFICE AUDIT PROGRAM FOR QUARTERLY AUDIT

REFERENCE: MIOG, Part II, Section 10-14;  
MAOP, Part II, Section 6-11;  
Funding Guide for Undercover Operations, page 57

- |   | <u>DATE AND<br/>INITIALS</u> | <u>WORKPAPER<br/>REFERENCE</u> |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Review prior audit workpapers (including Audit Unit, FBIHQ, report findings if applicable) noting any findings and instructions/recommendations applicable to the current audit period.<br><i>FIRST AUDIT</i>  | <i>EJF</i><br><i>3/25/88</i> |                                |
| 2. Ensure that the Advance of Funds-Centralized Control System is in operation and is under the direct supervision of the SAC/ASAC. This system should consist of a Control File (66F-) captioned "Advance of Funds Control File" and a bound ledger (containing a page for each case which received an FBIHQ advance of funds after 5/14/84 and for each advance having an outstanding balance at 5/14/84. | <i>✓</i>                     |                                |
| 3. Ensure that each ledger page sets forth the most current balance outstanding for the advance. This balance must agree with the balance outstanding (line 8d) on the last voucher submitted and with the actual cash on hand as of the end of the period reported on that voucher.  | <i>✓</i>                     |                                |
| 4. If applicable, ensure that funds no longer needed are promptly returned to FBIHQ.  | <i>N/A</i>                   |                                |



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For each advance which has been outstanding for more than 90 days, prepare and complete the following schedule reconciling the funds to be accounted for to the funds, unvouchered receipts, etc. on hand. All reconciling items are to be examined to ensure their propriety, including confirming outstanding cash advances with the applicable employee. Any overages/shortages are to be promptly resolved.

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A. Total amount advanced from FBIHQ

LESS:

Total amount vouchered to FBIHQ

Total amount refunded to FBIHQ

Outstanding advance balance to be  
accounted for

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B. Cash funds (identify)

_____	\$ _____
_____	_____

Cash advances outstanding (identify)

_____	_____
_____	_____

Unvouchered receipts (total)

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Other (identify)

_____	_____
_____	_____

Total funds to be accounted for

Difference (Any difference must be resolved.)

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Determine the number of advances liquidated during the three months under review and obtain the monthly voucher submissions for a representative sample (20% of the liquidated advances or 10, whichever is less) and perform the following steps:

- A. Determine if the voucher has been properly prepared and submitted on a timely basis and that field office copies of the vouchers contain copies of receipts for all expenditures made.

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(It is noted that an SF-1012 voucher is required to be prepared and submitted to FBIHQ by the 10th of the following month even though no expenditures were made during the month.)

- B. For any asset/informant payments, determine that appropriate memoranda have been properly prepared and placed in the asset/informant files and the payments have been recorded on the asset/informant FSA subsidiary ledger page.

N/A

- C. For any inventoriable (non-expendable) property purchased, determine that FD-513s (Inventory Data Record Form) have been prepared and submitted to FBIHQ and document that Property Procurement and Management Section, FBIHQ approval was obtained before the property was purchased.

N/A

- D. Determine that for any purchases of evidence or bribe/kickback payments made, appropriate FD-302s, FD-192s or DEA Form 7s (drug purchases) have been properly prepared.

N/A

- E. Ensure funds are only expended for the specific case for which they were originally advanced. Further, ensure the funds have not been commingled with FSA funds or any other funds/advances.

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- F. Ensure that all necessary DOJ/FBI exemptions were obtained prior to depositing advances from FBI appropriations into a bank account.

N/A

- G. Ensure that no funds from FBIHQ Field Support Account advances were deposited into a bank account.

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7. Discrepancies arising from this audit should be fully resolved at the field office whenever possible. Should irreconcilable problems arise, they should be promptly reported to the FBIHQ substantive desk and the Audit Unit, Office of Program Evaluations and Audits, Inspection Division.

NONE FOUND

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JOSEPH N. GALLO 183 A. 2025  
AUDIT PERIOD: 12/1/67 - 2/29/68

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FUND BALANCE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

TV AGREES WITH OUTSTANDING BALANCE ON T.C.V. OF  
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DATED 1/10/88.

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On May 4, 1988 [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent (SA) [redacted]

Source advised that JOSEPH N. GALLO, the ex-consigliere of the GAMBINO LCN Family, has not been seen around at all and no word has been heard regarding his activities. Source advised that GALLO is still in "a state of shock" regarding his recent sentence in a government RICO case. Source does not believe that GALLO will be "heard from" until after he begins serving his time.

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Source advised that [redacted] [redacted] has not been around as well and there is very little likelihood, at least at the present, that [redacted] will be considered for membership in the GAMBINO LCN Family.

INFORMATION HEREIN OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY;  
INFORMANT'S IDENTITY IS NOT TO BE DISCLOSED  
UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CASE AGENT  
AND NOT POSITELY DECIDED THAT THIS PERSON WILL

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# Memorandum

To : SAC, NEW HAVEN (NH183-883) (P)

Date FEBRUARY 19, 1986

From :

SA [REDACTED]

Subject :

GAMBINO;  
LCN;  
ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITIES;  
NEW HAVEN COUNTY;  
RICO (A)

According to a confidential source of the Bridge-  
port Resident Agency [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left  
their address on [REDACTED] Connecticut, and  
moved to [REDACTED] New Jersey, around the first  
week of January, 1986.

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GAMBINO LA COSA NOSTRA ORGANIZED CRIME  
ACTIVITIES IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT;  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS (A);  
NH 183A-881

On November 12, 1985, [redacted] advised  
Special Agent (SA) [redacted] the following:

Source stated that the GAMBINO "books" are going  
to be open and that the following are being sponsored for  
membership in the family:

[redacted] sponsored by [redacted] retired  
Capo, GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family;

[redacted] sponsored by JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere,  
GAMBINO LCN Family; and

[redacted] sponsored by JOE GAMBINO, GAMBINO LCN  
member, New York, and [redacted] GAMBINO LCN member, New  
York, closely associated with JOHN GOTTI, Capo, LCN member,  
New York.

Source further advised that [redacted] (phonetic)  
is into [redacted] for [redacted] and is presently paying [redacted]  
a week vig. Source feels that the [redacted] debt is over gambling  
losses that [redacted] incurred. Source further stated that [redacted]  
is using [redacted] to travel to Portchester, New York, to pick  
up football cards from LCN associate [redacted] (possibly [redacted]  
formerly close associate of JOHN ANGELONE, deceased LCN member,  
GENOVESE Family). Source stated that [redacted] travels to  
Portchester every Monday and brings the football cards back to  
[redacted]

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THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE FBI WITHOUT  
CONSULTING THE CONTACT AGENT.

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GAMBINO LA COSA NOSTRA ACTIVITIES,  
NEW HAVEN COUNTY;  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS (A);  
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On November 19, 1985, [redacted] advised  
Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of the following:

Source stated that JOE N. GALLO, Consigliere,  
GAMBINO La Cosa Nostra (LCN) Family, is directing a lot  
of the activities of the Family in the Connecticut area.  
Source stated that [redacted] is now directing many of  
the GAMBINO illegal activities within the Stamford and  
Bridgeport areas under the direction of JOE N. GALLO as  
well as JOHN GOTTI, Capo, GAMBINO LCN Family. Source  
further stated that [redacted] drives to New York  
on an almost daily basis to confer with JOE N. GALLO.  
Source further advised that [redacted] member, GAMBINO  
LCN, Connecticut, continues to be annoyed that JOE N. GALLO  
meets with [redacted] continually without first conferring  
with [redacted]. [redacted] feels that since [redacted]  
is not yet a member of the Family, he should show respect  
to [redacted] before going to see the Consigliere of the  
GAMBINO Family.

Source advised that [redacted]  
resides at [redacted] Connecticut.

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THE RELEASE OF WHICH COULD LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

86 CR 452(S) (4)  
(JBW)

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF MOTION

-against-

JOSEPH N. GALLO,

Defendant.  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the Judgment and Commitment Order, the Affidavit of [REDACTED] sworn to the 10th day of May, 1989, and all other proceedings heretofore had herein, the defendant, Joseph N. Gallo, will move the Hon. Jack B. Weinstein, United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of New York, at such date, time, and place as the Court shall determine, for an Order pursuant to Rule 35 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure reducing and/or modifying the sentence heretofore imposed, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem must and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
May 10, 1989

YOURS, etc.,

HOFFMAN & POLLOK

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[REDACTED]  
Joseph N. Gallo  
260 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016  
(212) 679-2900

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

86 CR 452(S) (4)  
(JBW)

-against-

AFFIDAVIT

JOSEPH N. GALLO,

Defendant.  
-----X

[REDACTED] being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a member of the firm of Hoffman & Pollok, which has served as appellate attorneys for the defendant, Joseph N. Gallo, and am fully familiar with the facts herein.

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I make this affidavit in support of the instant motion pursuant to Rule 35 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, for an order reducing and/or modifying the incarceration sentence heretofore imposed upon Mr. Gallo.

Following a jury trial, Mr. Gallo was sentenced, on February 9, 1988, to a term of imprisonment of ten years and further, was fined a total of \$380,000.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Gallo had been tried together with Joseph Armone, [REDACTED] all of whom were convicted of various crimes more fully alleged in the superseding indictment at trial.

The jury had found Mr. Gallo guilty of the RICO conspiracy charged in the superseding indictment as well as of three substantive counts; to wit, bribery, unlawful travel, and use of the telephone to unlawfully effect the transfer of prison inmates.

At the time sentence was imposed upon Mr. Gallo, he was under house arrest pursuant to an order entered previously by this Court. This Court, at sentencing, permitted Mr. Gallo to continue to remain under house arrest pending appeal of his conviction.

Thereafter, in succession, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the judgment of conviction and the United States Supreme Court declined to grant Mr. Gallo certiorari. The mandate of the Court of Appeals has now issued, and this Court has signed an Order, with the consent of the Government, requiring that Mr. Gallo surrender to such institution as shall be designated by the Bureau of Prisons on or before May 26, 1989.

Mr. Gallo is a 77-year old man who has a long-standing and well-documented history of heart disease and other physical infirmities. Though his heart condition was extant at the time of conviction, there has been a severe and marked decline in his physical health since the original imposition of sentence. Moreover, as his physicians have noted, and as is readily apparent to any one attempting to converse with him, Mr. Gallo's mental faculties are also in distinct decline. Indeed, in imposing sentence on Mr. Gallo on

February 9, 1988, this Court specifically acknowledged that, "I know you are sick" and that the prison sentence imposed upon him "is essentially a life sentence." (See Minutes of Sentencing, February 9, 1988, p. 30.)

In this context, we have annexed to this affidavit two letters of [redacted] who is Mr. Gallo's [redacted] as Exhibits "A" and "B." [redacted] who is Board Certified and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, has in fact observed, in the course of rendering medical attention to Mr. Gallo, the distinct decline in Mr. Gallo's physical and mental condition.

Despite elevated prescriptions of medicine, Mr. Gallo continues to have "frequent daily and nocturnal chest discomfort." Moreover, [redacted] has concluded that Mr. Gallo is "seriously depressed" and now "has lost his interest and will to prolong his life."

Thus, [redacted] found that while in 1986, Mr. Gallo had "stable angina pectoris which could be treated by a modest amount of medication," today, in contrast, "there has been a tremendous increase in the quantity and quality of his angina which in any other patient would result in cardiac catheterization and the possibility of cardiac surgery."

Likewise, [redacted] has compellingly noted the change in Mr. Gallo's mental state. More particularly, he has observed Mr. Gallo "become disheveled" in his personal bearing and become progressively unable to even recount satisfactorily his medical history.

It is evident from [redacted] letters that Mr. Gallo truly is seriously infirm. It is further unassailable that in light of his deteriorated physical and mental condition, Mr. Gallo's life will be "significantly shortened" in the event that he is required to commence serving a prison sentence.

In this regard, we would respectfully suggest that the Government consider having Mr. Gallo examined by a physician of its choice in the sincere belief that given the objective medical criteria relied upon by [redacted] the Government's physician, may well concur in [redacted] conclusions.<sup>2</sup>

Under the documented circumstances, it is respectfully suggested that Mr. Gallo's sentence of incarceration be modified to house arrest under the prevailing conditions fixed by this Court and further, under any additional conditions that this Court may deem necessary in the interest of justice.

Certainly, this Court has not hesitated to utilize house arrest as an appropriate sentence in other cases where the facts and circumstances have warranted and may well be considered to have been in the judicial vanguard of

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<sup>2</sup> This Court, of course, may consider appointment of its own physician regardless of whether or not the government elects to have its physician examine Mr. Gallo.

utilization of the house arrest remedy. Indeed, upon information and belief, in this very case, house arrest has been used in sentencing the defendant, Joseph Zingaro.<sup>3</sup>

On September 9, 1987, Zingaro was sentenced by this Court to a sentence of five years imprisonment as well as a fine of \$250,000. Zingaro remained on bail pending his appeal. The Court of Appeals subsequently reversed his conviction. A copy of Zingaro's initial Judgment and Commitment Order is annexed hereto as Exhibit "C."

Thereafter, on or about February 7, 1989, counsel for the Government and for Zingaro negotiated an agreement pursuant to Rules 11(e)(1)(A) and (C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. A copy of that agreement is annexed hereto as Exhibit "D."

Pursuant to that agreement, on February 27, 1989, Zingaro waived indictment and an Information was filed against him charging him with a single count of violating Title 18, U.S.C. §892, conspiring to make extortionate extensions of credit, as a felony. Zingaro then pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a period of five years probation and a reduced fine. Under the terms of the agreement, Zingaro was directed to confine himself to his home under an order of house arrest for an initial period of 24 months with the right to leave his home for medically related reasons.

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<sup>3</sup> Joseph Zingaro was named as a defendant along with Mr. Gallo and some 20 others in the initial indictment filed by the government. Thereafter, in ruling on various severance motions, this Court severed various groups of defendants from others.

Aside from this Court's utilization of house arrest in appropriate circumstances, it is also instructive to note that most recently comment has been solicited on Proposed Amendment 260 (Federal Register, Amendments at 9156) as to whether the utilization of home detention should be broadened. (See N.Y.L.J., May 2, 1989, p. 5, col. 3-5). The mere proposal of such an amendment, we suggest, demonstrates the desirability of the house arrest concept when the facts are appropriate, such as in the case at bar.. (See N.Y.L.J., May 2, 1989, p. 5, col. 3-5).

Finally, it is respectfully requested that this Court decide this Motion prior to May 26, 1989, which is the date presently fixed for the surrender of Mr. Gallo to such institution as shall be designated by the Bureau of Prisons. In the event the Court deems a determination of this motion not to be possible by May 26, 1989, because in its view additional medical analysis of Mr. Gallo is required, or for any other reason, it is respectfully suggested that the time for Mr. Gallo to surrender be extended to such date as the Court shall deem proper under the circumstances.

No other application for the relief sought herein has heretofore been made.

In the event it is the practice of this Court to grant oral argument on the instant motion, oral argument is hereby requested.



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WHEREFORE, it is respectfully submitted that the  
incarceratory sentence heretofore imposed on Joseph N. Gallo  
be reduced and/or modified to house arrest under such  
circumstances as the Court shall deem proper under the  
circumstances.

Sworn to before me, this  
10th day of May, 1989.



CHARLES L. WEINTRAUB  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 03-4658006  
Qualified in Bronx County  
Commission Expires March 30, 1990

2/28/90

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021

212-794-0303

May 2, 1989

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Joseph Gallo

[redacted] has asked me to update my last letter regarding Mr. Joseph Gallo. As stated, I first saw Joseph Gallo in November of 1986 at which time he had stable angina pectoris on a modest amount of medication. I thought at that time that given the smoking and the positive stress that no doubt he had angina but that it was reasonably stable and could be treated medically. Since that time he has had a variety of problems, some related to his prostate, others to his colon and most importantly to his arteriosclerosis and his angina. Over the last year or so there has been a tremendous increase in the quantity and quality of his angina which in any other patient would result in cardiac catheterization and the possibility of cardiac surgery should the clinical situation warrant it. However, as I noted previously, because of the sentence facing him he has elected not to pursue this alternative.

On a personal level, over the last 2½ years I have watched him become disheveled, he for example wears only sneakers at this time, and has had a not subtle deterioration in his ability to concentrate and even recount an adequate history. While I am not a psychiatrist or a neurologist, I have no doubt that not only does he have ongoing age-related mental deterioration, but that there is a component of arteriosclerotic cerebrovascular disease as well.

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Division of Cardiology  
The New York Hospital  
Cornell Medical Center

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On 3/24/90, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

Source learned that BONANNO capo [redacted] is scheduled to have a "sitdown" with [redacted] on Monday, March 26, 1990, in order to resolve a dispute over money.

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\* If not a member of family, explain basis for visit:

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# Memorandum



To : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ 183A-2025) (C) Date 5/11/90

From : SA [redacted] (C-16)

Subject: JOSEPH N. GALLO (INFORMATION CONCERNING)  
RICO (A)  
(OO: NY/BQ)

Attached is a copy of NY Certificate of Marriage re

subject and [redacted] DOB [redacted]

Date of marriage was [redacted] at Nassau, NY.

[redacted] was residing at [redacted] NY.

[redacted] was residing [redacted] NYC.

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# Memorandum



TO : ADIC, NEW YORK (BQ) (183A-2025) (C-16)  
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (183A-1165)  
SUBJECT: JOSEPH N. GALLO;  
RICO (A);  
(OO: New York (BQ))  
(Title)

Date

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☐ RUC

☒ File Destruction Program

Enclosed are 1 items.  
These items are forwarded your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division

☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

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## Memorandum



To : SAC, Brooklyn Queens 183-2025

Date 6/14/92

From : SAC, HONOLULU

Subject :

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Joseph N. Gall

Enclosed are 1 items.

These items are forwarded your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

         Original FD-302s         Original LAB Reports         FD-192s  1   FD-340s 1A Encl.         Other

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